Visions United Spirit Gathering January 31st, 2021

Finding Church at a Council Table
Conflict & Creativity: Finding a 'Third Way' with the Spirit!

Acts Now! Part 2 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Brighten the Corner Where You Are/ Everything is Beautiful

Joan Hawkes (player piano) Daphna Pearson (electric piano)

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Welcome Brian Botten

God's Doors Are Open to All!

Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Song MV#8 And On This Path

Lead: Dennis Livingstone

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Gathering Words & Sharing of WOW Moment

Brian Botten

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Brian Botten

We light a candle each week, and we invite you to light one, too. It's a moment of pause as we create sacred space.

Sung Centering Prayer A Companion on the Road

Lead: Bill Peters & Brian Affleck

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Draw a breath. -- Say a prayer. -Now look around, see that someone else is there.
Take a hand. Share the load.
It's good to have --- a companion on the road. --It's good to be --- a companion on the road.

We Listen for Wisdom

Words of Introduction Setting the Stage

Shawn Redden

Song VU#402 We Are One (*v.*1&2)

Lead: Joan Hawkes, John & Daphna Pearson
Words: Doreen Lankshear – Smith © 1988.
Music: Jeeva Sam © 1995. Arr: David Kai © 1995.

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Scripture Story Drama A Paraphrase of Acts 15 as a 'Zoom' Council Meeting

- written by Shawn Redden

Narrator: Claudia Schaerer

Chair: Jim Slupsky; Pharisee: Shawn Redden Barnabas: Peter Lightfoot; Paul: Terry Hawkes Simon Peter: John Russell; James: Cecil Briggs

Song VU#402 We Are One (v.4) Lead: Joan Hawkes, John & Daphna Pearson

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Reflection Conflict & Creativity: A Third Way With the Spirit Shawn Redden

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Lead: Bill Peters, John Foster (whistle) & Brian Affleck (guitar)

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Our Community at Prayer

Brian Botten

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

Brian Botten

Song VU#691 Though Ancient Walls (vs.1&3, ref., vs.4&5, ref.) Lead: Brian & Kim Affleck

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Postlude And on This Path Brian Affleck (guitar) & Daphna Pearson (piano)

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Thank You for Joining Us!

May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.