

Visions United Spirit Gathering
January 3, 2021 Epiphany Sunday
 "When Borders Were Closed"
 Travelling the Road of Life in Strange COVID Times

Our Community Gathers

Prelude When Heaven's Bright with Mystery Daphna Pearson
 Words: Rob Johns © 1987 Carol Johns
 Music; English traditional melody © 1931
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Welcome

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 VU#87 I Am the Light of the World (v.1&2)
Lead: Bill Peters
 Words and Music: Jim Strathdee
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Gathering Invitation

Brian Botten

We invite you to bring a candle to light as your Christ candle for this service

Your light has come! In this time of darkness, we are called as God's people to be God's shining beacon in a world where the brightness and innocence of Christmas has already begun to dim.

The Magi journeyed to worship the child who is God incarnate. Let us worship and give thanks that God allows the great and the small to come to worship Jesus, the giver of light, joy, and peace.

Lighting the Christ Candle

WOW Moment

Heather Thurber
Narration: Shawn Redden

Song VU#82 A Light Is Gleaming (v.1&2) *Lead: Bill Peters*
 Words and Music: Linnea Good.
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We Listen for Wisdom

Scripture Matthew 2: 12-18

Song VU#79 Arise, Your Light Is Come (v.2,3&4) *Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*
 Words: Ruth Duck. Music: William Walker.
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Drama "Open the Gates" *Brian & Myles Botten*

Reflection "What Have We Done" *Brian Botten*

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song MV#169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides *Lead: Helen Halfpenny*
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Sharing the Epiphany Stars *Shawn Redden*

Community at Prayer *Brian Botten*

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light *Brian Botten*

Song MV#138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines (v. 1&4)
Lead: Trudy Colpitts, Lorna Teed, Anna & Bill Peters
 Words/ Music: Gordon Light, arr. Andrew Donaldson.
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.