

## Visions United Spirit Gathering

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Open Doors - The Story of Paul and Silas

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

### Our Community Gathers

#### Prelude

“Perhaps Love”

*Daphna Pearson*

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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

MV#89 Love Is the Touch (v 1&2)

*Lead: Lorna Teed*

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#### Gathering Words & Lighting of the Christ Candle

*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.*

#### Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

**Open Doors**

**that we may welcome Spirit.**

**Open our minds**

**that we may learn together.**

**Open our hands**

**that we may reach out in Love**

**Open our hearts**

**that we may live the Story of Jesus**

**and dare to make a difference**

**one act of kindness at a time.**

**May it Be So!**

#### Song MV#94 Love Knocks and Waits (v.1&4)

*Lead: Virtual Choir*

*Brian & Kim Affleck, John & Daphna Pearson, Anna & Bill Peters,  
John Foster, Joan Hawkes, Lorna Teed & Trudy Colpitts*

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Love knocks and waits for us to hear, to open and invite;  
Love longs to quiet every fear, and seeks to set things right.

Love knocks and enters at the sound of welcome from within;  
Love sings and dances all around, and feels new life begin.

## We Listen for Wisdom

**Words of Introduction**            A Liminal Space

**Scripture Reading** Acts 16: 25-34

*Trudy Colpitts*

**Song**            VU#356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom (v. 1&2)            *Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*  
*Heather Thurber (hand chimes), John Foster (whistle), Brian Affleck (guitar), Daphna Pearson (piano)*  
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**Reflection**            “Open Doors”

*Brian Botten*

## We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

**Song** MV#126 Are You a Shepherd? (v. 1&3)            *Lead: Brian Affleck (soloist, harmony +guitar)*  
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**Our Community at Prayer**

*Trudy Colpitts*

## We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

**Blessing and Changing of the Light**

*Brian Botten*

**Song**            MV#213 Take Up His Song (vs. “hope”, “love”)

*Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*  
 Words & Music: Laura A.Herman,  
 Arr: Robin King, © 2006

**Postlude**            “Sheep May Safely Graze”

*Daphna Pearson*  
 Arr: Fabrizio Ferrari J. S. Bach  
 From the Secular Cantata BWV 208

***Thank You for Joining Us!***  
***May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***