

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Lent 2 - February 28th, 2021
A Covenant of Trust

Our Community Gathers

Prelude “Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving / Se Agape Puli (I Love You Very Much)
Daphna Pearson
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Welcome & Announcement *Shawn Redden*
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.

WOW Moment *Shawn Redden*

Song MV#182 Grateful *Lead: Anna Peters, Joan Hawkes, Brian Affleck & Daphna P,
 Lorna Teed (Djembe drums) Brian Affleck (guitar)*
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Gathering Words & Lighting of the Christ Candle *Shawn Redden*

Prayer for Healing and Confession *Brian Botten*
 We come before you, God, with troubled minds,
 We live in fear of a disease that surrounds us, keeping us separated and alone.
 We live with doubts that hold us back from fulfilling your covenant with each of us.
 We live with mistrust in your grace, with each other, and even with ourselves.
 Help us find the courage, the graciousness, and the love to be your faithful servants as
 we offer our private prayers to you ...
 - *Silent prayer* -

Promise of Forgiveness and Grace *Brian Botten*
 God is listening to our prayers,
 Understanding our concerns,
 Holding us close in our time of confession.
 Through our confession, God has given us grace and courage.
 Let us praise God for the wonderful gift of love,
 And share this gift with everyone we meet. Praise Be!

MV#90 Don't Be Afraid (2x) *Lead: Joan Hawkes, harmony/hand chimes; Daphna & John Pearson*
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We Listen for Wisdom

Introducing Our Lenten Theme God's Covenant of Trust *Brian Botten*

Scripture Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16 *Bob and Judy Christie*

Song MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name (v.1, 3 & 4) *Lead: Trudy Colpitts*
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Reflection "In God We Trust" *Brian Botten*

Reading "Everything I Needed" (unison) *author unknown*

I asked for strength, and
 God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom, and
 God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity, and
 God gave me brawn and brains to work.

I asked for courage, and
 God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for patience, and
 God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for love, and
 God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favours, and
 God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted,
 I received everything I needed.

My prayers have all been answered.

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song MV#172 God Says (vs. 1, 3&4) *Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*
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Our Community at Prayer *Shawn Redden*

Video Visual Prayer "I Am with You" *The Work of the People*

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light *Brian Botten*

Song God Will Take Care of You (vs. 1 & 4) *Lead: Bill Peters* *Brian Affleck (guitar)*
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Postlude: Faith of Our Fathers *Daphna Pearson & Brian Affleck (guitar)*
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.