

Visions United Spirit Gathering

April 18th, 2021

Turning the World (*and the Church*) Upside Down!
Acts Now! Part 3 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Our Community Gathers

Prelude You Light Up My Life - *Daphna Pearson, Piano; Brian Affleck, guitar*
 Music: Joseph Brooks; Arrangement: 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#28 God of the Bible (1&2, refrain, 3&4, refrain)
Lead: Trudy Colpitts, Daphna Pearson, Lorna Teed
Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes & Anna Peters
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Gathering Invitation & 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)

Source of Life and Love
 In the way of Jesus
 in the presence of the Christ
 show us a way
 to heal and to shape a new day,
 In the changing seasons
 in this changing world
 in these changing times,
 may our witness and prayer
 turn the world upside down
 with goodness and justice and peace.
 May Love prevail and Hope inspire
 new life for our weary world. Amen.

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction 'Act 3' - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Song MV#21 Open Our Hearts *Lead: John Foster*
 Words/Music: Jim Strathdee. Desert Flowers Music
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Open our hearts, open our minds
 Open our lives to you, O loving God
 Open our hearts, open our minds
 Open our lives to you, O loving God,
 Open our hearts.

Scripture Story Acts 17: 1-15

Shawn Redden & Brian Botten

Reflection Turning the World (*and the Church*) Upside Down!

Shawn Redden

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song O Lord, All the World Belongs to You *Lead: Daphna Pearson, Anna & Bill Peters, & Brian Affleck (+guitar)*

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Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new.
What is wrong, you forgive,
And the new life you give
Is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,
But your way of loving never ends,
Loving enemies too;
And this loving with you
Is what's turning the world upside down.

This world lives divided and apart,
You draw us together, and we start
In our friendship to see
That in harmony we
Can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,
But you show a new way to be great:
Like a servant you came,
And if we do the same,
We'll be turning the world upside down.

Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all in your Church whom you call
To be turning the world upside down.

Our Community at Prayer

Brian Botten

Words of Appreciation to Our Student Minister

Lay Support Team

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

Song MV#120 My Soul Cries Out (vs. 1-3)

*Lead: John Pearson, Bill Peters,
John Foster (+whistle) & Lorna Teed (drums)*

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Thank You for Joining Us!

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