

Visions United Spirit Gathering

April 25th, 2021

Making the Unknown God...Known...In New Ways
Acts Now! Part 3 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Open the Eyes of My Heart *Daphna Pearson, piano*
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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 Medley Over My Head / Stand On the Rock *Lead: Visions Virtual Choir*
Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Brenda Mackenzie, Anna & Bill Peters,
Jill Baycroft, Daphna & John Pearson, Brian Affleck & John Foster.
 Over My Head Words/Music: African American Spiritual. Arr: John L. Bell ©1997
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 Stand on the Rock Music: Linnea Good ©2005 Borealis Music.
 Words: Ancient Songs Sung Anew. The Psalms as Poetry,
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Over my head, I hear music in the air.
 Over my head, I hear music in the air.
 Over my head, I hear music in the air,
 There must be a God somewhere. 2x

Come let us sing and give thanks to God!
 Stand on the rock of our salvation.
 Come let us sing and give thanks to God!
 Stand on the rock and shout with joy! 2x

Over my head, I hear music in the air.
 Over my head, I hear music in the air.
 Over my head, I hear music in the air.
 There must be a God somewhere. 1x

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

Source of all creation
 Close to us as our own breath
 Holy is Your name.
 In You we live and move and have our being;
 we are Yours, the work of Your hands.

Move within and among us
 as we worship today,
 apart together.
 Open our eyes to recognize
 Your presence here among us;
 open our hearts to the love
 You have for us;
 open our minds to the truth
 You would reveal to us.
 This prayer, we sing:

Song MV#21 Open Our Hearts

Lead: Jill Baycroft

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

Ouvre nos coeurs, ouvre nos pensées
 Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Open our hearts, open our minds
 Open our lives to you, O loving God
 Open our hearts.

We Listen for Wisdom

Setting the Scene

Scripture Story Acts 17: 16-34

Glenna & Peter Lightfoot

Reflection Making the Unknown God...Known...In New Ways

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song MV#44 Shadow and Substance

Lead: Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson

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Our Community at Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

Song MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts

Lead: Anna & Bill Peters, Brenda MacKenzie

Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson

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Postlude We Are One

Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson

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