

## Visions United Spirit Gathering

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Who's Sitting On Our Windowsills? The Story of Eutychus**  
*Acts Now! Part 3 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building*

### Our Community Gathers

**Prelude**                    Old Time Religion / Swing Low, Sweet Chariot                    - *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**                    VU#401 Worship the Lord (*Refrain, vs.1&2, refrain, vs.3&4, refrain*)  
*Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Daphna & John Pearson*  
*Anna & Bill Peters, Trudy Colpitts, Kim & Brian Affleck (guitar)*  
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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.*

Come, O God  
 Be present here in the light of Christ  
 Befriend us with the gift of community  
 Renew us in the company of Spirit.  
 We open hearts to you, O Loving God.

**Sung Prayer**                    MV#21 Open Our Hearts                    *Lead: Jill Baycroft. Guitar: Brian Affleck*  
 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 20: 7-12

### Reflection

## We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

**Song** MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*refrain, v3, refrain*) *Lead: Lorna Teed*  
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### Invitation to Prayer

**Visual Prayer & Song** Psalm 23 & Lamentations 5

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5IOyZRDSxw>*

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*Permission to UCC Communities of Faith to use for Mental Health Awareness Sunday*

## We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

### Blessing and Changing of the Light

**Song** MV#26 Your Love is Amazing *Lead: (The Message) Steve Spencer, Sarah Campbell, Vicki MacLaughlin, Nathan Beeler. Recording used with permission.*  
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Vineyard Songs (UK/EIRE). CCLI 11077526

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