

Visions United Spirit Gathering

May 16th, 2021

Charting the Course, Headwinds and Open Horizons

Acts Now! Part 3 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Our Community Gathers

Prelude

A Whole New World

Daphna Pearson

Music: Alan Menken; Words: Tim Rice ©1992

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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.

Sharing the Peace

One: Peace be with you

All: **And also with you.**

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

O God, you dwell at the crossroad of faith and questioning.
You love us amid our doubts and deepest worries.
Your Spirit is ever at work, breathing new life.
Be with us in the midst of life's storms.
Lift us into the way of courageous living.
Move us through our doubts into moments of insight.
Provide us with all that is hope for our living.
Lead us not into isolation.
Deliver us from fear.
for yours is the compassion, the patience
and the strength we need
in these days and always. Amen.

Song

Be Not Afraid

Lead: Brenda MacKenzie

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Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,
my love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Recap

Charting the Course

Song VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God (vs.1&2) *Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Joan Hawkes, Anna Peters, Brenda MacKenzie Lorna Teed (drums), Daphna Pearson & John Foster (whistle)*
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Scripture Story Paul's Journey & The Storm at Sea - Acts 27 (selected verses)

Reflection Headwinds

Song VU#675 Will Your Anchor Hold (v1, refrain, v2, refrain)
Lead: John Pearson, Bill Peters, John Foster & Brian Affleck (+guitar)
Words: Priscilla J. Owens, 1882; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882
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Scripture Story Acts 28: 1-16, 30-31 (selected verses) *Reader: Jocelyne Quann*

Reflection Open Horizons

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We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Community at Prayer & Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

Song My Lighthouse *Rend Collective* Words/Music: Gareth Gilkeson / Chris Llewellyn
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.