

## Visions United Spirit Gathering

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Christian Family Sunday

Letters from this Time of Pandemic to Visions' Family of Faith  
*Acts Now! Part 3 - Stories of Making Church Outside a Building*

### Our Community Gathers

#### Prelude

These Things Shall Pass / It is No Secret

*Lead: Joan Hawkes, Daphna Pearson, John Foster & Brian Affleck*

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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.

#### Gathering Invitation & Lighting of the Christ Candle

*\*adapted, Tammy Ferguson. Gathering L/E 2021 (Year B), p. 52*

*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.*

#### Song

VU# 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (vs.1&3)

*Lead: Lorna Teed, Anna Peters, Bill Peters*

Words: Walter Farquharson; Music: Ron Klusmeier.

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#### WOW Moment for Visions' 10th Anniversary

#### Celebrating Our Visions' Family of Faith

Music: Let us build a House / Draw the Circle Wide / Come In, Come In and Sit Down

*- Daphna Pearson, piano; John Foster, whistle; Brian Affleck, guitar.*

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## **We Listen for Wisdom**

### **Theme Recap**

### **Scripture Story**

Excerpts from Paul's Letters (*selected verses*)

Romans 1: 8-12

*Reader: Claudia Schaerer*

1 Corinthians 1:10;12:4-7

*Reader: Bob Christie*

2 Corinthians 3:2-4

*Reader: Trudy Colpitts*

Philippians 4:4-7

*Reader: Peggy White*

### **Song**

MV#173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands (*v.1, 2 & 5*)

*Lead: Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson,  
Jim Slupsky (flutes) & Brian Affleck (guitar)*  
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### **Reflection**

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*Introduction - Rev. Shawn Redden*

*A Letter from Jane*

*A Letter from Peggy*

*A Letter from Ainsley*

*A Letter from Anna*

*A Letter from Jim*

### **Video Letter**

Let Us Love

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/let-us-love>

## **We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**

### **Community at Prayer**

*Trudy Colpitts, Licensed Lay Worship Leader*

### **Song** MV#161 I Have Called You By Your Name (*vs.1&4*)

*Lead: Ainsley MacTavish- Hawkes; Brian Affleck (guitar)*  
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## **We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

### **Blessing and Changing of the Light**

### **Song**

MV#214 May God's Sheltering Wings

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***Thank You for Joining Us!***

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