

**Visions United Spirit Gathering**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
***A Spirituality of Gardening***  
**Soil of God, You and I**

**Our Community Gathers**

**Prelude**      What a Wonderful World      *Charlie Munroe, trumpet; Daphna Pearson, piano*  
 Words/Music: George D. Weiss & Bob Thiele 1967.  
 Genre: Traditional pop ballad, jazz. Memory Lane Music Group  
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**Acknowledgement of Land**

**The Peace**

One: Peace be with you  
 All: **And also with you.**

**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.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Each week we light a candle.*  
*It's a moment of pause as we create sacred space.*  
*We invite you to light one, too.*

**Gathering Invitation to Worship**

*Readers: Jocelyne Quann, Audrey Hayward, Peggy White,*  
*John Russell, Shawn Redden*  
 Adapted Norman C. Habel. "Land Sunday Liturgy 1"  
<https://seasonofcreation.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/liturgy-usa-land-sunday-1.pdf>

**Song**      MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v.5, refrain 2x)

*Lead: Lorna Teed & Brenda MacKenzie*  
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**We Listen for Wisdom**

**Theme Introduction**      A Spirituality of Gardening

**Moment for Remembrance & Lament**

*Excerpt from:*      Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations    *by Richard Wagamese*

**Song**      O Great Earth

*Lead: John & Daphna Pearson & Trudy Colpitts*  
 Words/Music: Linnea Good ©1995 Borealis Music  
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O Great Earth so green and so blue,  
 This is the promise that I'll make to you  
 To care for your children, for children can hear  
 the rhythm of your heartbeat.

v.2:      Creation (3x)

*Tag:*      This is the promise that I'll make to you.  
 To care for your children, for children can hear  
 The rhythm of your heartbeat.

**Wisdom Reading Introduction**

**Contemporary Wisdom Reading***Readers: Justin Landry & Megan Smith-Landry*

A Story of Creation and Creating  
*inspired by the Genesis creation stories*  
*and adapted from the writings of Miriam Therese Winter*  
*by Mary-Beth Moriarty*

**Reflection** Soil of God, You and I

**Song** MV#41 O Beautiful Gaia (*refrain, v1, ref.*) *Lead: Lorna Teed, John Foster (+whistle)*  
*Brian Affleck & Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*  
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**Gardening Conversation** with Fernand Daigle**Gardening Conversation** with John Russell

**Song** Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil *Lead: Brenda MacKenzie*  
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Lord let my heart be good soil  
 Open to the seed of Your word  
 Lord let my heart be good soil  
 Where love can grow  
 And peace is understood  
 When my heart is hard  
 Break the stone away  
 When my heart is cold  
 Warm it with the day  
 When my heart is lost  
 Lead me on Your way  
 Lord let my heart  
 Lord let my heart  
 Lord let my heart be good soil

**Community at Prayer**

**Song** Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil *Lead: Visions Virtual Choir*  
*Lorna Teed, Daphna Pearson, Joan Hawkes, Brenda MacKenzie*  
*Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Anna Peters, Bill Peters & Brian Affleck*

**We Go Forth to Be a Blessing****Blessing & Changing of the Light**

**Song** MV#174 Soil of God, You and I *Lead: John Foster (+whistle), Lorna Teed*  
*Kim & Brian Affleck (+guitar)*  
 Words/ Music: Jim Hannah ©1995. Arr: David Melhorn - Bee ©2006.  
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**Postlude** I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing *Lead: Lorna Teed (drums) Daphna Pearson (piano)*  
*Joan Hawkes (electric piano) Brian Affleck (guitar)*  
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**Thank You for Joining Us!**  
**May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.**