

**Visions United Spirit Gathering  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Listening for Autumn's Spiritual Teachings**

**Our Community Gathers**

**Prelude**      Whispering Hope / Minuet      *Daphna Pearson, Piano*  
Words/Music: Alice Hawthorne 1868  
W.A. Mozart (Don Juan)

**Welcome**      *Shawn Redden*

*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#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre (v1&3)      *Lead: Anna Peters & Joan Hawkes*  
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Music: attrib Benjamin F. White 1844.  
Harm: Ronald A. Nelson ©1978 Lutheran Book of Worship.  
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**Gathering Invitation & Lighting of Candle**      *Brian Botten*

"For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant,  
and a time to pluck up what is planted."

- *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

**WOW Moments**

**We Listen for Wisdom**

**Centering Song**      MV 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am (2x)      *Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*  
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**Prayer**

God of the turning seasons  
you surround us with beauty and wonder:  
In the cries of geese flying south,  
in the dancing of tumbling leaves,  
in the whisper of a still small voice  
Your Spirit calls to us.

Ground us in the wisdom  
of the turning seasons.  
Lift our spirit on your wings.

Teach us to dance with you -  
 to let go of all that holds us back  
 from being  
 adventurous in our living  
 generous in our sharing,  
 and extravagant in our loving.  
 May it be so! Amen.

**Wisdom Reading** Poem "Autumn" by Joyce Rupp *Reader: Audrey Hayward*

**Centering Song** MV 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am (1x) *Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*  
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**Reflection** Autumn's Teaching *Shawn Redden*

**Wisdom Reading** John 12: 23-26 *Reader: John Russell*

**Song** MV#140 As Long As We Follow *Lead: Brenda MacKenzie*  
 Words/Music: Joseph Kabemba, Congo.  
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**Reflection** The Spiritual Practice of Letting God *Shawn Redden*

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

**Prayer of Acceptance** *Brian Botten & Shawn Redden*  
 \*Adapted from The Cosmic Dance. Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr, p.175.

**Song** MV#79 Spirit Open My Heart (*Refrain, v.3, refrain*) *Lead: Lorna Teed*  
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**Community at Prayer** *Brian Botten*

### **We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

**Blessing & Changing of the Light** *Brian Botten*

**Song** VU#567 Will You Come and Follow Me? (vs. 1, 4 & 5) *Lead: John Foster (+whistle)*  
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***Thank You for Joining Us!***  
***May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***