

Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 3rd, 2021
World Wide Communion Sunday
Praying a Blessing with Breads of the World

Our Community Gathers

Prelude What Does the Lord Require of You / What Can I Do?

Daphna Pearson & John Foster

Words/Music: Jim Strathdee ©1986 Desert Flower Music.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A 720804

Words/Music: Paul Rumbolt & Michele McCarthy, Arr: Alan C. Whitmore © 2005.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

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.

Today we celebrate World Wide Communion.

As you come to worship with us,

Bring a little bread/cracker *and* juice/water for your communion elements.

Light your Christ Candle with us.

All are welcome at the Table of Jesus Christ.

Lighting of Christ Candle

Song VU#460 All Who Hunger

Lead: Bill Peter (soloist) & Daphna Pearson

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan © 1991. G.I.A. Publications. Inc.

Music: William Moore 1825. Arr: David Kai © 1994.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

Gathering Invitation & Prayer¹

Wheat, barley, rye, maize,

oats, rice, sorghum,

buckwheat, millet, fonio and quinoa.

Grains of the world,

cooked whole or ground into flour.

Breads of the world for people of the world.

God's abundant diversity

is on display for all to see!

Let us celebrate our unity and diversity,

as people of God.

¹ Call to Worship. Written by Ryan McNally. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2019, p. 44 Used with permission.

² Opening Prayer. Written by Sheryl Spencer. Adapted. S. Redden. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2019, p. 44 Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer ²

We gather today...
on our way from something...
on our way to something...
but in this moment we pause.

We stop to rest,
to breathe deeply,
to turn our attention to all that is Holy.

We stop to gather in community,
held and loved in Spirit,
to break bread together.

We stop to praise, to sing, to pray, to listen
to experience Spirit moving
across time and space
gathering us in.
Blessing be.
Amen.

We Listen for Wisdom

Wisdom Reading John 6:1-15; 24-35 (*selected verses*)

Brian Botten & Shawn Redden

Introduction to Reflection

Rev. Shawn Redden

Song VU#467 One Bread, One Body (*refrain, v3, refrain*)

Lead: Brian Affleck (+guitar)

Words/Music: John B. Foley, S.J. © 1978

New Dawn Music. Harm: Gary A. Smith 1988.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

Reflection Praying with Breads of the World

Response: With this bread we are fed, and strengthened and blessed.

Loaf with a Cross (Paska)

Charene Slupsky

Unleavened Bread (Matzo)

Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes

Rice Cakes

Terry & Tammy MacTavish-Hawkes

Rye Bread

Jim Slupsky

Corn Breads

Glenna Lightfoot

Song MV#193 God Bless to Us Our Bread

Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes

Words: John L. Bell © WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publ., Inc.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

² Opening Prayer. Written by Sheryl Spencer. Adapted. S. Redden. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2019, p. 44 Used with permission.

Reflection Praying with Breads of the World*Response: With this bread we are fed, and strengthened and blessed.*Bannock - *Lukkini'kin**Claudia Schaerer*

Arrowroot Crackers

Megan Smith-Landry with Charlotte Baycroft

Saltines

Trudy Colpitts

Cranberry Nut Specialty Bread

Peter Lightfoot

Pita

Brian Botten

Your bread...

*Shawn Redden***Song** MV194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul (v.1)*Lead: John & Daphna Pearson*

Words/Music: Stephen Spencer © 2005. Arr: Rick Gunn

All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**Invitation to the Table & Sharing the Peace**

One: Peace be with you

All: And also with you!

Communion Song

MV#198 When we Gather at the Table (v.1)

Lead: Joan Hawkes

Words: Walter Farquharson ©1995. Music: Ron Klusmeier ©2006.

Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: We come to the table on this Worldwide Communion Sunday
 remembering all who gather at tables around the world
 to break bread and share the cup,
 to tell the story of Jesus,
 and to celebrate God's presence.

**All: We open our hearts in welcome
 to our friends in Christ around the world.**

*(Prayer continues...)***Communion Song**

MV#198 When we Gather at the Table (v.2&3)

Lead: Joan Hawkes

Words: Walter Farquharson ©1995. Music: Ron Klusmeier ©2006.

Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

Praying a Blessing with Breads of the World**Prayer for the Spirit & Lord's Prayer****Song** MV#198 When we Gather at the Table (v.4 & 5)*Lead: Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson*

Words: Walter Farquharson ©1995. Music: Ron Klusmeier ©2006.

Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

Breaking & Sharing the Bread**Pouring & Sharing the Cup**

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten
for the wine we have tasted
for the blessing of community
for Hope and Vision for our journey
Thanks Be!

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

VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (*v.1a /v.2b*)

Lead: Lorna Teed

Words: Omer Westendorf ©1964. World Library Publications, a division of J.S.Paluch Co. Inc. Music: Welsh folk tune.
Harm: Leland B. Sateren ©1972 Contemporary Worship 4. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

Thank You for Joining Us!

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