

Visions United Spirit Gathering
January 23, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
“Beyond Words”

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Gathering Music

Will You Come & Follow Me

Peter Lightfoot (piano), Brian Affleck (guitar)
John Foster (whistle), & Daphna Pearson (piano).

Music: Scottish Trad., arr. The Iona Community
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Welcome & Gathering Words

Brian Botten

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.

One: Welcome to this time and space

All: where the Good News is shared.

One: Welcome to this time and space

All: where the Good News is witnessed.

One: Welcome to this time and space

All: where the Good News is enacted.

One: Welcome as we come to worship
 the God of Good News.

Song Medley

Visions' Virtual Choir: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Anna Peters, Bill Peters,
Brian Affleck (+guitar), Brenda MacKenzie, John Foster, Daphna & John Pearson

MV#108 I Know Your Word (1x)

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MV#8 And on This Path (v.1)

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 the Psalms of Poetry. Music: Linnea Good © 2003. Borealis Music.
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MV#108 I Know Your Word (1x)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Shawn Redden

Your Word, O God, is a Lamp
 to light our Path Forever.

-Light the Candle

Thanks Be for the Light of Christ:

Your Word Among Us.

Your Word Within Us

Your Word Incarnate

in Love's Presence

Everywhere.

Centering Prayer

Shawn Redden

*adapted from: Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL.
<https://revgalblogpals.org/2022/01/05/wednesday-prayer-274/>*

Breath Prayer:

(in breath) I breathe in your Spirit

(out breath) I breathe out Peace...

The voices of this world have taken my attention captive,
 filling my mind with all sorts of distractions.

Peace can feel far away.

Center my thoughts in this moment
 in a world of spinning information.

Soften my soul to seek your presence
 even when discord and disarray
 occupy the spaces surrounding us.

Direct my heart in sharing your love in this world.

May it Be So.

We Listen for Wisdom

Wisdom Reading – Hebrew Scriptures

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12

Readers: Ainsley, Tammy & Terry MacTavish-Hawkes

Wisdom Reading – Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Reader: Brian Botten

Song

MV#10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Lead: Brenda MacKenzie

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Reflection

Beyond Words

Shawn Redden

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song

MV#172 God Says

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 Trudy Colpitts, Kim Affleck, John Foster & John Pearson*

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Community at Prayer

Brian Botten

A WOW Story of Generosity and Kindness

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Shawn Redden

Song

MV#212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes

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Postlude Music for the Journey

Thank You for Joining Us!

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