# Visions United Spirit Gathering May 29, 2022

Loving Our Neighbours Near and Far "A New Way of Life" Stewardship – Called to Be the Church

## **Our Community Gathers**

## **Gathering Music / Prelude**

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.

## Acknowledgement of Place

Anna Peters

#### We Focus our Hearts and Minds

Shawn Redden

"Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... and love your neighbour as yourself."

**Song** Love the Lord Your God

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Love the Lord you God with all your heart, Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

#### Gathering Words & Lighting of Christ Candle

Anna Peters

One: We come to celebrate Love: for each one of us,

for this community, and for all creation.

All: Because this Love is our hope

Because Love surrounds and upholds us Because the Way of Love in Jesus, beckons us

and is alive here and now,

we can live beyond mere circumstance

we can be Love and shine the Light of Love's presence.

One: We light this candle to celebrate the light of Christ.

#### **Lighting the Peace Candle & Sharing the Peace**

Shawn Redden

One: Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

\*Song MV#45 You Are Holy (3x: English, Zulu, English)

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## **We Listen for Wisdom**

**Theme Conversation** Give Gratitude a Hand Shawn Redden

Children's Space Available

The Story of Our Mission & Ministry

Glenna Lightfoot & Anna Peters

**Song** VU#579 The Church Is Where'ver

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3) The church is not found in one place or a building, frozen in memories from long, long ago. The church is exploring adventures of living that free us to follow new paths God will show.

Wisdom Reading Acts 2: 37-47 (selected verses)

Glenna Lightfoot

**Reflection** A New Way of Life

Shawn Redden

## We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

**Song** MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts

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The Community at Prayer

Trudy Colpitts

**Our Intentional Response** 

Glenna Lightfoot & Anna Peters

An Invitation to Generosity

Anna Peters

Offering is brought forward

**Dedication of Our Gifts** MV#191 What Can I do? (2x)

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**Announcements** 

# We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

\*Song VU#575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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\*Changing the Light & Blessing

Shawn Redden

**Postlude Music for the Journey** 

Thank You for Joining Us!

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