

**Visions United Spirit Gathering**  
**June 12, 2022**  
 Reimagining our Ministry & Governance  
*Drawing the Circle Wider*

**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**

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

*Shawn Redden*

One: Inviting spirit into Spirit  
 All: Gathering light into Light  
 One: Calling love into Love  
 All: Here we are in the presence  
       of the One who said,  
       "I am the Light".

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

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

**Sharing Our Wow Moments**

**\*Song**        VU#401 Worship the Lord (*Ref. vs.1&2, Ref. vs.3&5, Ref*)

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**Invitation to Gather**

*Team*

**Gathering Prayer** (*unison*)

*Joan Hawkes*

Creator God,  
 You make us all different,  
 Giving to each one of us  
 Special and wonderful gifts,  
 Inviting us and challenging us,  
 To share who and what we are  
 For the good of community.  
 In the beauty of our differences,  
 Remind us that we are one.  
 In this time of gathering  
 help us to celebrate the Body of Christ,  
 and the special place each one of us has in that body,  
 through your grace. Amen.

## **We Listen for Wisdom**

**Wisdom Reading**      Romans 12 (*selected verses*)      *Joan Hawkes*

**Reflection Moment**      *Shawn Redden*

### **Presentation from Governance Review Team**

**Part 1: Overview**      *Claudia Schaerer*

What we have...

Why change ...

What we imagine ...

**Conversation Question**      *Shawn Redden*

Ministry: What do we do and participate in that is ministry?

**Presentation from Governance Review Team**      *Jill Baycroft*

### **Part 2: Drawing the Circle Wider**

Circles of Service & Learning

Governance as Spiritual Practice

**Conversation Circles**      *Shawn Redden*

What do you like about the congregation taking more initiative and responsibility for 'ministry' using this model of Circles of Learning and Service?

What questions do you have?

What do you like about this streamlined board model of Governance as Spiritual Practice?

What questions do you have?

**Presentation from Governance Review Team**      *Joan Hawkes*

### **Part 3: What's next?**

Proposed Timeline & Motions for Congregational Meeting (June 19<sup>th</sup>)

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

**The Community at Prayer**      *Shawn Redden*

**Sung Prayer**

MV#14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered

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### **An Invitation to Generosity**

*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**

### **\*Changing the Light & Blessing**

**\*Song**      MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide (*Ref. Eng., v1, ref. Fr., v2, ref. Eng., v3, ref. Fr.*)

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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.*