

**Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 2, 2022 – World Wide Communion Sunday
The Platinum Rule of Hospitality**

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music / Prelude

Mary Pelletier

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, abilities, cultural backgrounds,
sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Acknowledgement of Place

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Gathering Invitation

Lighting of Christ Candle & Flame for Peace

Sharing of WOW Moments

We Listen for Wisdom

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Theme Introduction The Platinum Rule of Hospitality

Wisdom Reading Genesis 18:1-14

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Reflection Ask Frist, Give Second

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Tools of the Trade Bread of Life & Forgiveness

Welcoming New Member by Transfer

Peggy White from St Paul's United (Riverview)

Sacrament of Communion for World Wide Communion

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*Children return for communion during singing
Offering is brought forward and placed on table*

An Invitation to Generosity and to Gather at the Table

One: We seek to be a beloved community
gathered in Jesus' name.

**All: We are a spiritual community
Welcoming a diversity of people
Celebrating and exploring
in faith together
Reaching out in love
Daring to make a difference
One act of kindness at a time.**

One: We bring these gifts to the Table:
our offerings of love,
simple bread and fruit of the vine.

**All: We pray they may be blessing for all
in Jesus name!**

One: We seek to be a beloved community
gathered in Jesus' name.

**All: Living an Extravagant Openness
We are bold to proclaim,
"There is Room for Us All"**

One: There's room at the table for everyone

**All: all ages and classes,
all orientations and identities
all races and cultures
all creeds and denominations
all seekers and believers
doubters and questioners
All are welcome!**

One: All are welcome, indeed!
So come to the Open Table
Share in this meal of celebration

**All: Feast on bread
Be nourished by love
Fill your spirit with the Holy Spirit!**

Sharing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: Let us open our hearts in welcome
to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world

**All: 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.**

One: Here at this Table... *(Prayer continues)*

Prayers of the People

(We hold in prayer all who seek nourishment in body and renewal of spirit)

Prayer for the Spirit

One: And so may Spirit

All: **Bless us**

Bless this bread we break

Bless cup we share.

May we be strengthened

to be a beloved community

light in the world

bearers of peace

Christ's presence

known in words spoken

and in deeds shared. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread & Cup

We are using bread & grapes, instead of juice.

The gluten-free bread is paired with green grapes.

Please wait to eat until we are all served.

We will sing as Communion is served.

Song MV#194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

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Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

For the bread we have eaten

for the wine we have tasted

for the blessing of community

for Vision for our journey

Thanks Be!

Song MV#198

When We Gather at the Table (v.5)

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Visioning Moment

New Model for Governance & Ministry

The Work of the Community – Our Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Song

MV#178

Who is My Mother

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Changing of the Light & Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

Thank You for Joining Us!

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

Credits:

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Hospitality Theme Resources from the Salt Project, “Hospitality Audit: Tools of the Trade”.

Communion Invitation and Great Thanksgiving prayer written by Shawn Redden, incorporating Visions Mission statement, inspiration from Carrie Newcomer's title song, *Room at the Table*, and with adaptations from *Celebrate God's Presence*, pp.274-275 (8E001 & 8O002). *Remembering Jesus at Table* (Words of Institution) adapted from 14D006, p. 286. Intercessions adapted, p. 295, p. 292.