

**Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 9, 2022 – Thanksgiving Sunday**

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

One: We remember with gratitude
that we live and worship on lands that are, by law,
the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq.
All: **May we live with respect on this land,
and in peace and friendship with its peoples.**

Sharing the Peace

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

Song

VU#245 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Words/ Music: Natalie Sleeth

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Lighting of Christ Candle & Flame for Peace

Gathering Prayer of Gratitude

As geese honk overhead,
as orange globes fill the pumpkin patch
as the landscape is painted with reds and golds,
we are filled with gratitude.
Gratitude for the earth
breathing with life.
Gratitude for families and friends
gifting us with love.
Gratitude for Spirit
filling our lives with blessing.
Thanks Be! Amen!

Sharing our WOW Moments Our Spiritual Practice of Gratitude

Time with All Ages Singing our Thanks!

Song VU#225 We Praise you for the Sun

Music: Gifford Jerome Mitchell ©1969

We praise you for _____
We praise you for the _____
We give you thanks for all these gifts
We praise you for the _____

Children's Program Begins

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Recap

Wisdom Story Genesis 18:1-14

Reflection Surprise & Honour

Song MVU#40 Never Ending Joy (*refrain 2x*)

Words/ Music: Daniel Charles Damon

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Tools of the Trade Tasty Treats, Hot Coffee & Good Conversation

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Words: Fred Pratt Green, Music: Welsh Folk melody

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The Community at Prayer

A Thanksgiving Invitation to Generosity Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Sharing of our Gifts

One: We receive with blessing the gifts
of the harvest from field and forest and sea

All: We offer gifts from our work and our working years.

One: We receive with blessing a harvest
of goodwill and friendship, skills and abilities

**All: We offer our gifts of time and talent
to our faith community
and in service in the world**

One: We receive with blessing a harvest
of money, time and talent

All: We offer all that we have, all that we are
to be blessing in Love's name.

Dedication of Our Gifts MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*Refrain, vs. 3, refrain*)

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994; Music: Trad. Irish melody, arr. Arthur C. Clyde, 1997

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The Work of the Community – Our Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Song VU#242 Let All Things Now Living

Words /Desc.: Katherine K. Davis, ©1939, 1966

E.C. Schirmer Music: Welsh Folk melody.

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Changing of the Light & Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

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Thank You for Joining Us!

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