Visions United Spirit Gathering October 16, 2022 – Hospitality Tools of the Trade "Seeing God-presence in Everyone"

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music / Prelude

Peter Lightfoot, piano

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'kmag.

All: May we live with respect on this land,

and in peace and friendship with its peoples.

Lighting Christ Candle & Kindling a Flame for Peace

Sharing the Peace

One: Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you!

Gathering Words

Gathered together,

we proclaim a welcome:

Open doors

Open minds

Open Hands

Open Hearts

And so we pray:

May your welcoming Spirit

move within and among us,

opening our hearts to your vision for life.

Here in this place

may Grace provide

may Love empower

may Hope sustain

may Welcome be proclaimed

On this journey we share in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Song A Companion on the Road (2x) Piano: Peter Lightfoot

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Draw a breath. -- Say a prayer. --

Now look around, see that someone else is there.

Take a hand. Share the load.

It's good to have --- a companion on the road. ---It's good to be --- a companion on the road.

Sharing our WOW Moments

Children's Program Begins

We Listen for Wisdom

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Wisdom Reading Revelation 3:20

> Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.

Matthew 25: 34-36, 40 Wisdom Reading

Reflection Story Make Yourself at Home

> adapted from a story by @ Gerard Hughes, a friend of the Iona Community "Gathered and Scattered: Readings and Meditations from the Iona Community. ©2007 Neil Paynter, Wild Goose Publications.

A Blessing To Create Space for Welcome https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/hospitality

> by Christine Valters Painter video created by the work of the People

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

The Community at Prayer

Sung Response: VU#600 When I Needed a Neighbour Piano: John Foster

Words and Music: Sydney Carter Words ©1995

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The Work of the Community – Our Announcements

An Invitation to Generosity

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart Song Piano & vocals: Machaela Osowski

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994; Music: Trad. Irish melody, arr. Arthur C. Clyde, 1997 Words ©1996, arrangement ©1997 The Pilgrim Press.

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Changing of the Light & Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

John Foster, piano

Thank You for Joining Us! May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.