

**Visions United Spirit Gathering
November 27, 2022
From Generation to Generation
Advent 1: "There's Room for Every Story" (Hope)**

* *Stand as able*

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music/Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Land

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.

Sharing of WOW moments

Threshold Moment There's Room for Every Story *adapted by Shawn Redden*
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Theme Song From Generation to Generation *Words: Debi Burns*
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From generation to generation,
we have shared the Christmas story
of a baby in a manger,
who was born in Bethlehem.
Hope is winging, Peace now ringing,
Joy we're singing, Love he's brining

There is room for ev'ry story.
There is hope through God's great story.

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

The Peace

The Hope of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

***Song** VU#7 Hope is a Star (*v1, refrain*) Words: Brian Wren, Music: Joan Collier Fogg
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We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages

Christmas Traditions from Generation to Generation

*What are some of your Christmas traditions
that have been passed down from 'generation to generation'?
Maybe a cherished ornament, a holiday recipe,
a family Christmas photo, a nativity/creche, some other tradition?
This Advent, we are invited to participate in a 'show and tell' of sorts,
and a few people can share a tradition with us each week.*

(Children's program begins)

A Word about our Advent Theme

Wisdom Reading Matthew 1: 1-17

Carol VU#1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v.1, 4, 5, 7)

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Visio Divinia

Reflection Good News to Celebrate: There's Room for Every Story

***Song** Through the Ages (*Tune: Away in a Manger*)

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We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Our Community at Prayer Circle of Care

Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts (*Gifts brought forward during singing*)

Song: O What a Wonderful Gift (*refrain, v3, refrain*)

Words/Music: Linnea Good

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The Work of the Congregation - Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** VU#2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Blessing

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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.