

**Visions United Spirit Gathering**  
**November 20, 2022**  
**All Ages Celebration – The Circle of Time**  
*“For everything there is a season...”*

**Our Community Gathers**

**Gathering Music / Prelude**

*Martha Shaw*

**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 all people to worship  
 regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background,  
 sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Learning a New Song**

Calendar Song

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Advent, Christmas - and Epiphany  
 take us from December to January --.  
 Lent - Holy Week to Easter and then --  
 Pentecost to Advent we start over again -  
 The church marks time-- in memorable ways -  
 Let's open our sen-ses as we count our days -

**A Story for Acknowledging Indigenous Territory**

**Sharing the Peace**

One: Peace be with you  
 All: And also with you.

**Sharing our WOW Moments**

**Gathering Invitation in Song**

Come and Join the Circle *Song leaders: Charlotte & Jill Baycroft*

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Come and join the circle, come and take my hand.  
 Come and join the circle, come and be my friend.  
 Gather round and see what the world can be.  
 Come and join the circle,  
 Come and share God's word with me.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: There once was someone who said such amazing things  
 and did such wonderful things, that people followed him.  
 As they followed him, they wondered just who he was.  
 Once when they asked, he said:

**All: *I am the Light***

**Prayer**

## **We Listen for Wisdom**

**Theme Conversation**      What is time?

**Wisdom Reading in Song**      Ecclesiastes 3 (*selected verses*) (*Choir stands; congregation seated*)  
    Turn, Turn, Turn      Words adapted/Music: Pete Seeger, ©1962 Melody Trails Inc.

*Refrain (All):*      To ev'ry thing (turn, turn, turn)  
    There is a season (turn, turn, turn)  
    And a time for ev'ry purpose under heaven.

**Story**      The Circle of the Church Year      *Adapted from Godly Play. Words © 2017, Jerome Berryman.  
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**Reflection**      What time is this we find ourselves?

**\*Song**      MV #165      There Is a Time (vs.1 & 3)      Words/music: © Carolyn McDade.  
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**Our Community at Prayer** (*seated*)

**\*Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts**

Sung blessing: MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart      *Words: Ruth Duck, 1994; Music: Trad. Irish melody,  
    arr. Arthur C. Clyde, 1997 Words ©1996, arrangement ©1997 The Pilgrim Press.  
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**The Work of the Congregation - Community Announcements**

**\* Song**      Come with Me for the Journey is Long (*Tune MV#45*)      *Words: © John Bell, WGRG  
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Verse 1: Come with me for the journey is long (*repeat 4x*).  
    The journey, the journey, the journey is long (*repeat 4x*).

Verse 2: Sing  
 Verse 3: Pray  
 Verse 4: Come

**Changing of the Light & Blessing**

**Postlude Music for the Journey**

*Martha Shaw, piano*

*Thank you for Joining Us!  
 May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the World with Us.*