

**Visions United Spirit Gathering
January 8, 2023
From Generation to Generation
Epiphany: "We Keep Seeking"**

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music/Prelude Janet Tidd

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

Acknowledgement of Land

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 live in peace and friendship with its peoples.**

Call to Worship:

One: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers... Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers... Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers... Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.

All: God is here.

Sharing of WOW moments

Theme Song From Generation to Generation (refrain, vs 4) *Words: Debi Burns*
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There is room for ev'ry story.
There is hope through God's great story.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Worship Leader:

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and

compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news of Peace Candle. Amen

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

***Song** VU#96 Will You Come and See the Light (vs 1,2,4,5)

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(Children's program begins)

We Listen for Wisdom

Song VU #91 The First Nowell (vs. 2-4)

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Wisdom Reading Matthew 2: 2-23

Song VU #91 The First Nowell (vs. 5-6)

Reflection **THE MAGI**

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

STAR WORDS; Our Community at Prayer

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

Song VU #81 As With Gladness Men of Old (v3)

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The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** VU #36 Always Seeking

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Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

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