

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Season of Epiphany
Spiritual Affectiveness Disorder
Shine a Light on the 'Blahs"
February 5, 2023
Lighten It Up: *Finding Joy and Laughter*

* *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

Invitation to Gather in the Light and Prayer

adapted by Shawn Redden
Sources: prayer ©Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio

(music underscores narration)

Song *(seated)*

Thy Word is a Lamp

Words: Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith. Chuck Bell
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CCLI 11077526, CSPL0447859 CCLI Song#14301

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
 and a light unto my path.
 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
 and a light unto my path.
 When I feel afraid,
 think I've lost my way,
 still you're there right beside me.
 And nothing will I fear
 as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end.
 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
 and a light unto my path.

[music continues to underscore the prayer]

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer *(unison)*

God of Delight,
 we give you thanks for good humor and joy!
 Open our eyes to the light of possibilities,
 even when the day ahead holds difficulties.
 Be with us, near us, beside us.
 Shine among us. Amen.

Sung Response

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Promise of Presence & Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Listen for Wisdom

***Song (stand)** MV#48 I Can Feel You Near Me God Words/Music: Pat Mayberry ©2000
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Theme Conversation for All Ages

Special Music Ha, Ha (*God in the Beginning*) (vs. 1,2&5) Words/Music: Linnea Good © 1988
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(Children's program begins)

Song (seated) More Light (*repeat 2x plus tag*) Words/Music: Christopher Grundy
Recording: from *Christopher Grundy's CD*
"Stepping In," available at www.christophergrundy.com
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More light, more truth
is breaking from Your Word.
More light, more truth,
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.
Tag: Help us hear what needs to be heard
Help us hear what needs to be heard.

Wisdom Reading Isaiah 9:1-4

Reflection Lighten It Up: *Finding Joy and Laughter*

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

***Song (stand)** VU#624 Give to Us Laughter Words: Walter Farquharson ©1974
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Our Community at Prayer**Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts**

Sung Blessing Christ Be Our Light (*v5, refrain*) Words/Music: Bernadette Farrell©1993. All
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Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
making your kingdom come

(refrain) Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
shine through the darkness
Christ be our light
shine in your church gathered today

The Work of the Congregation - Announcements

Spiritual Practice for the Week

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** (*stand*) VU#232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (vs. 1&3) *Words: Henry van Dyk, Music: Public domain. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A -720804*

Changing of the Light & Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

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