

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023
seeking: honest questions for deeper faith
Where are you headed?

* *Stand as able*

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music/Prelude

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 in peace and friendship with its people.**

Sharing the Peace & Lighting Peace Candle

One: Peace of Christ Be With You

All: And Also With You

Sharing of WOW Moments

***Song (Standing)** VU# 122 All Glory, Laud and Honour (*refrain, v2, refrain, v3, refrain*)

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Invitation to Gather

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Poem Video where are you headed?

A Seeking Prayer

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Holy God,
 Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas.
 Sometimes it's hard to hear you
 over the noise of city streets.
 Sometimes it's hard to hear you
 over our racing thoughts,
 our mental to-do lists,
 or our desire to fit in.
 Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world.
 So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem,
 stop traffic here.

Pause the rush.
 Open the gates.
 Dwell among us,
 until your Word is all we can hear.
 We are listening.
 We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.

Promise of Grace for the Journey

We Listen for Wisdom

Community Art Creation seeking: honest questions for a deeper faith

***Song** (*Standing*) VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey (vs.1&2)

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Drama Two Parades at Passover

Scripture Psalm 122: 1-2, 6-9

***Song** (*Standing*) VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey (v3)

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Story Drama The Story of Two Parades

Scripture Luke 19: 29-37

Story Drama The Story of Two Parades

Scripture Zechariah 9: 9-10

Story Drama The Story of Two Parades

(Children's Programming Begins)

*** Song** (*standing*) VU#117 Jesus Christ is Waiting

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Reflection Which Parade are We In?

Special Music Two Processions

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We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Our Community at Prayer

Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

The Work of the Congregation - Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

* **Song** (*stand*)

We Glimpse, O Love, Your Hidden Way

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Ride on, O holy, longing Lord.
Below your feet our coats we lay.
Above your head the branches wave.
We glimpse, O Love, your hidden way.

Ride on, O steadfast, sorrowing King,
processing through our scattered aims.
And mounted low, close to our hearts,
a lingering trace of hope impart.

Ride on, O vivid, lonely One.
Ride through the clamour of the day.
And when the silence rises new
draw us more deeply into You.

Changing of the Light and Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

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