

Visions United Spirit Gathering
April 30, 2023 – Season of Easter
An Emmaus Blessing
Blessing the Roads We Travel
Blessing the Companions on the Way
Blessing the Holy Encounters

* *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.**

***Song** (*standing*) VU#187 The Spring Has Come

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Gathering Invitation

Inspired by the Gospel Story Luke 24:13-35

adapted from Craig Mitchell (2005) & Iona Community, "Emmaus Worship Service,"

Lighting of Christ Candle

Sharing the Peace & Kindling a Flame for Peace

One: Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sung Prayer (*seated*) A Companion on the Road (2x) Words: Sheila Megill; Music: Ron Klusmeier
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Draw a breath. -- Say a prayer. --
 Now look around, see that someone else is there.
 Take a hand. Share the load.
 It's good to have --- a companion on the road. ---
 It's good to be --- a companion on the road.

Sharing of WOW Moments

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages or Children's Time

Song (*standing*) MV#121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! (v1, 2, 5)

Words/Music: Linnea Good

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(*Children's Programming Begins*)

Wisdom Reading Luke 24:13-35

Reflection Which Way to Emmaus?

Wisdom Reading Emmaus Blessing *by Jan Richardson*

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Response: Already a blessing

Song (*seated*) A Companion on the Road (1x)

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We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Blessing of the Sabbatical Journey for Visions and Rev. Shawn Redden

An Emmaus Blessing from Rev. Shawn

Special Music Go Now in Peace

Words/Music: Don Besig, Music: Nancy Price

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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** (*standing*) MV#216 Wherever you May Go

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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.