

Visions United Spirit Gathering  
 <May 14, 2023>  
 <Mothers Day  
 &  
 “Big L-Love” at Open Sky Co-operative>

\* 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.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Sharing the Peace & Kindling a Flame for Peace**

One: Peace of Christ Be With You  
 All: And Also With You

**Sharing of WOW Moments**

**\*Song VU 280 - Mother and God**

Words/Music: Mariam Therese Winter; arr. Nan Thompson  
 @1987 Medical Mission Sisters

**Invitation to Gather**

Drawn by wonder and hope...  
 ...**we gather in community.**  
 Inspired by Spirit...  
 ... **we celebrate the holy in the ordinary and the extraordinary.**  
 Challenged by brokenness ...  
 ...**we seek courage and strength for the journey.**  
 Opened by Love...  
 ... **we stretch, we dream, we work, we play, we share.**

**Gathering Prayer**

**We Listen for Wisdom**

**Theme Conversation for All Ages**

(Children's Programming Begins)

## Song MV 154 - Deep in Our Hearts

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**Wisdom Reading(s)** Matthew 22:34-40.  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-8,13

## Special Music

**Reflection:** Big L-Love and Open Sky Co-operative

### **We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**

## Song VU 372 - Though I May Speak

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**Our Community at Prayer** (*gather our heart and care prayers*)

## Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

*Sung Dedication or Spoken Prayer*

## The Work of the Congregation - Announcements

### **We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

## \* Song (*stand*) MV 1 Let Us Build a House

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## Changing of the Light and Blessing

***Blessing*** (*spoken together*)

***Let us go from this place***

***Drawn,***

***Inspired,***

***Challenged,***

***Opened***

***to practice and encounter Big L- Love,***

***And foster inclusive communities, wherever we may go.***

## Postlude Music for the Journey

***Thank You for Joining Us!***

***May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***

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