

VISIONS UNITED SPIRIT GATHERING
Worship Leader: TRUDY COLPITTS
Music Leader: Martha Shaw
MAY 7, 2023

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music / Prelude

Martha Shaw - piano

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 Place

One: As we gather in this place, 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 peoples.**

Gathering Invitation and Call to Worship

The light beams stream into the sanctuary,
heralding the coming of spring and warm weather.

The light beams stream into the sanctuary.
heralding the presence of the Holy Spirit here in this place

People of God, come let us worship in song and joy.

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Song: MV # 92 Like a Rock

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Sharing the Peace

One: May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Candle-lighting and Lighting the Peace Candle

Leader: Jesus' life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and the story and the experience of Easter teach of the immense dimensions of God's grace,

All: a grace that enfolds with comfort and healing, peace and promise, hope and nurture, life and death.

Leader: As we acknowledge and imagine all of that, we also remember--

All: there is always more. (Light candle)

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

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Sharing Our WOW Moments

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Song: VU # 170 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (*Alternative verses*)

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Children's Programming Begins

We Listen for Wisdom

Prayer of Confession

Music Selection Jesus, Your Name

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Wisdom Reading: John 20: 19-31

Reflection: FAITH...AND HOPE...AND DOUBT

Song: VU #356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

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We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Prayers of the People

Song: VU #670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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The Work of the Congregation - Our Community Announcements

Vision Aid Moment

An Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Closing Hymn: VU # 331 The Church's One Foundation (vs 1,2,4,5)

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Changing of the Light

Blessing and Going Forth

Postlude

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