

**Visions United Spirit Gathering  
September 24, 2023  
Affronted or Amazed by Generous Grace?  
Christian Community 101**

\* *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, abilities, 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**

One: Inviting spirit into Spirit

All: Gathering light into Light

One: Calling love into Love

All: Here we are in the presence  
of the One who said,  
"I am the Light".

**Gathering Invitation (Choir) As We Gather**

Words/Music: Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes  
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**Prayer**

One: In caring for one another,

**All: may we be untiring.**

One: In challenging one another,

**All: may we be respectful.**

One: In sheltering one another,

**All: may we be strong.**

One: In holding one another,

**All: may we be tender.**

One: In the expectations we have for one another,

**All: may we be realistic.**

One: In the songs we sing with one another,

**All: may we seek harmony.**

One: And in loving one another,

**All: may we be all these things and more.**

One: As we seek to hold faith with one another.

**All: We pray. Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace & Kindling a Flame for Peace

One: Peace of Christ Be with You

All: And Also With You

## Sharing of WOW Moments

Time for All Ages

I Am Amazing

Words/Music: Linnea Good

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(Lead – Choir. Echo – Congregation)

**I am amazing! I am amazing!**

**I am filled with power! I am filled with power!**

**And God loves me. And God loves me.**

**Like crazy! Like crazy!**

v.2 – You are amazing; v. 3 – We are amazing

v.4 - God is amazing.

*Children's Programming Begins*

## We Listen for Wisdom

### Introduction to Wisdom Reading

Wisdom Reading

Matthew 20: 1-16

Reflection Affronted or Amazed by Generous Grace?

Song

MV#104 Know that God is Good (*Swahili, English*)

Words/Music: Traditional song, Congo

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### Gratitude for Grace

Song

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## We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

### Our Community at Prayer

\*Song (*standing*)

MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart

Words: Ruth Duck © 1996 Pilgrim Press

Music: Traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Arthur G. Clyde © 1997 Pilgrim Press

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### Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

### The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

## We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

\* Song (*standing*)

VU#266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Words: John Henry Newton

Musci: Virginia Harmony

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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.***