

Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 22, 2023
I've Been Meaning to Ask... *Where does it hurt?*

* *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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sharing the Peace & Kindling a Flame for Peace

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

Gathering Invitation I've Been Meaning to Ask... *(Instrumental Begins)*

Song *(seated)* A Covenant of Grace (v.2) Words: Anna Strickland.
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We all have wounds that no one sees
 Oppression, trauma, and disease
 When we bear witness to the pain
 It can begin to heal again

Gathering Prayer

Adapted from Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Sharing of WOW Moments

Time for All Ages

* **Song** *(standing)* Look Up, Look Down *(refrain & v. 3 – repeat 2x)*
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Look up, look down,
 Look all around!
 You will see the face of Jesus
 who is always to be found,

 at this table we are sharing
 when our hearts are full
 of caring ev'ry day

Children's Programming Begins

We Listen for Wisdom

Prayer of Truth-telling

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Words of Grace *(unison)*

A Poem: When It Hurts *by Rev. Sarah Are*

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Wisdom Reading & Reflection 1 Samuel 1:1-18

Reflection
 Hannah's Story
 Reflection

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Wisdom Reading & Reflection Mark 5:21-43

Readers Theatre
 Reflection

Song (*standing*) VU#670 Precious Lord Take My Hand (vs. 1&2) Words: Thomas A. Dorsey,
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Video Reflection Where Does It Hurt? *with Rev. Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum*

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Conversation Questions

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Our Community at Prayer

Solo The Lord's Prayer *Vocalist: Bill Peters*

Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

Dedication MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*refrain*) Words: Ruth Duck ©1996 Pilgrim Press
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Story of M&S

Jane Aikman

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

* **Song** (*standing*) VU#713 I See a New Heaven (*Refrain, vs. 1-&, ref, vs 3&4, ref.*)
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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.