

## Visions United Spirit Gathering

October 29, 2023

I've Been Meaning to Ask... *What do you need?*

\* 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.3)

Words: Anna Strickland.

Music: Trad. English Melody, Arr. David Strickland. ©2021.

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We all need people who will be  
with us in solidarity  
No explanation, no defense  
Just ministry of their presence

#### Gathering Prayer

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May this be the place for connection and growth,  
for community and hope.

May this be a time for questions like,  
“Where are you from?” and “What do you need?”

For whispers of: “I’ve been thinking of you,”  
and “I’ve been meaning to ask. . .”

May this be sacred space,  
because all belong here.

All are welcome here.

All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,  
dreams and love, are welcome here.

May we lean into your holy invitation for connection  
And ground ourselves in joy, gratitude and compassion.

For in this place, time and space, You are near.

Thanks be!

#### 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,

in our loving and our giving  
in the ways we are forgiving  
ev'ry day

*Children's Programming Begins*

**We Listen for Wisdom**

**Handbell Choir**                      Jacob's Ladder

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**God is So Good**

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**Video Reflection**    What Do You Need? *with Rev. Remington Johnson*

**Prayer of Truth-telling**

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**Words of Grace**

**Wisdom Reading**    Job 2:11-13

**Reflection**

**Video**                      Brené Brown on Empathy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Evwgu369Jw>

**We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**

**Conversation Questions**

**Affirmation**

\* **Song** (*standing*)    VU#684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Words: attr. To St. Francis

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**Our Community at Prayer**

**Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts**

**Dedication**    MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*refrain*)

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**The Work of the Congregation – Announcements**

**We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

\* **Song** (*standing*)    How Then Shall I Live

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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.*