

Visions United Spirit Gathering

November 5, 2023

I've Been Meaning to Ask... *Where do we go from here?*

* 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.

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Surprised by God's unboundless love
From many walks of life we come
To build a covenant of grace
And in our differences endure

Gathering Prayer

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Holy One,
you are always speaking—
through strangers and friends,
through sunrise and sunset,
through random acts of kindness
and feelings that stir hope awake in us.
You speak through dreams and prayer,
through a still, small voice
and bursts of overwhelming joy.
You are always speaking.
Settle our spirits in this sacred time and space.
Open us to the winds and whisper of your Spirit,
among us and within us.
We want to be part of the conversation.
Gratefully, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of WOW Moments

Time for All Ages

*** Song (standing)** Look Up, Look Down (*refrain & v. 5 – 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 one body that is you and me
with all the earth
we're family each day.

Children's Programming Begins

We Listen for Wisdom

Video Reflection Where do we go from here? *with Rev. Alisha Brooks-Lytle*

Wisdom Reading Ruth 1:1-22

Reflection

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Conversation Questions

What is something you deeply long for?

What is a dream you have for your faith community?

In what ways would you like to see your community grow or shift?

What's something in your life, in the Church, or in the world that desperately needs to change? How do you want to be part of that change?

Affirmation

We believe courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us.

We believe God bridges conversations in unexpected ways.

We commit to continuing the conversation

Song (seated)

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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

Blessing Poem The Way Home

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Changing of the Light

*** Song (standing)** MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

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Postlude Music for the Journey

Thank You for Joining Us!

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