## Visions United Spirit Gathering November 26, 2023 – Advent 1 (Hope) How Does a Weary World Rejoice? *We Acknowledge Our Weariness*

\* Stand as able

## Our Community Gathers

## **Gathering Music/Prelude**

## Acknowledgement of Land

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.

### Sharing of WOW moments

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### **Gathering Invitation**

The Peace

May the Hope of Christ be with you! And also with you!

## Lighting of the Advent Candle – Hope

- One: How does a weary world hope?
- All: By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night, and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.
- One: By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

### All: By insisting that small acts can make a difference.

One: There are a million ways to practice hope. So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

### All: May we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.

\*Advent Song (standing) An Advent Dream Words: Peter Lightfoot. Music: Zhang Shuai (Snowflakes, Snowflakes 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games)

Hope is a dream - - it comes from above. Hope is a dream that we all - - need more of. Hope is a dream - - that comes from the Dove. Hope is our dream, bringing peace, joy, and love.

Chorus:Angels, angels singing in the night,<br/>Waking to - coming to - bringing in the light:<br/>Angels, angels - here the babe you see:<br/>Gloria, gloria - here for you and me.

## We Listen for Wisdom

# Theme Conversation for All Ages

Song	2 VU#7 Hope is a Star (v. 1) Words: Brian Wren 1985; Music: Joan Collier Fogg 1987. ©1989 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A – 720804
	Children leave for programming.
Theme	How Does a Weary World Rejoice (Instrumental)
Wisdom Re	ding Luke 1:1-23 (The Voice Translation)
We Acknowledge Our Weariness What Weariness Do You Carry – in your body and soul? What Weariness Do You Carry for the World	
Reflection	
Special Mu	c A Tiny Child Will Come Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig ©1985 Shawnee Press. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A – 720804
	We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude
Our Comm	nity at Prayer
Acknowledging Our Weariness & Laying it Down before the Manger of Hope	
*Song (stan	<i>mg)</i> MV#82 Bathe Me in Your Light Words: John Oldham ©2002; Music: Ron Klusmeier © <u>www.musiklus.com</u> . All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A – 720804
Gifts with V	sion Jane Aikman
Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts ( <i>Gifts brought forward during singing</i> ) Song O What a Wonderful Gift ( <i>Ref., v2, ref.</i> ) Words/Music: Linnea Good © 1992, Borealis Music. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A – 720804	
Oh – God g	: what a wonderful gift! what a wonderful gift! ves lives of hope andlove. nat a wonderful gift!
Verse	2: Today we bring a light As Advent comes anew But hope and peace, and joy and love Are gifts for all year through.
Refra	plus tag: Oh, what a wonderful, Oh, what a wonderful, Oh what a wonderful gift!
The Work of the Congregation – Announcements	
	We Go Forth to Be a Blessing
*Song (stand	ng) O Come, O Come Emmanuel Published in Singing the Living Tradition hymnbook #225 ©1993. Music: 15 <sup>th</sup> century plainsong melody. Public Domain.
Blessing	Words: Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed   A Sanctified Art LLC   sanctifiedart.org.
Postlude Music for the Journey Thank You for Joining Us! May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.	