

**Visions United Spirit Gathering
January 28th, 2024 – What's News in Our UCC?
Then Let Us Sing!**

** 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, 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.**

What's News in Our UCC?

Lighting the Christ Candle

Kindling a Flame for Peace & Sharing of the Peace

One: May the Light and Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Song** (*standing*) MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (*v1, ref, v4, ref*)

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Gathering Words

Grateful for God's loving action,
we cannot keep from singing.
Creating and seeking relationship,
in awe and trust,
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.
—From A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

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Spirit of Life, move in us:
through the melody of song
through the sound and sense of music
through the rhythm that sets our feet dancing
and our hearts beating with Love.
Move among us:
taking shape in the harmony
of lives united in faith.

Together, may your Song
of peace and compassion
echo in the strains of our faithful living.
This is our prayer.
May it be so.

Sharing of WOW moments

Theme Conversation Making a Joyful Noise

“Praise with trumpet sound;
praise with lute and harp!
Praise with tambourine and dance;
praise with strings and pipe!
Praise with clanging cymbals;
praise with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise – sing – to God.”
- Psalm 150:3-6

Song Video My Lighthouse *by Rend Collective* www.youtube.com/watch?v=itiB52mVJ9Y
Words/music: Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn
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Children leave for programming during singing.

Introducing the Then Let Us Sing! Digital Music Resource *with the Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith*
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1G55COY0Gs&t=49s>

Inspiration for a Name When in Our Music God is Glorified
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Why Sing? Singing – A Witness to Faith *with Martha Shaw*

The Story of Song in the UCC

Did You Know that...

Did You Know that...

Song (*standing*) VU#296 This is God’s Wondrous World (*v1*)
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Did You Know that...

Reflection Theo-Ethical Framework

Song (*standing*) Guide Me O Thou Great and Holy Words: Welsh, William Williams, 1745.
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Did you know that...

Did you know that...

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Did you know that...

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Our Community at Prayer

VU#400 (*seated*) Listen to Your Children Praying Words & Music: Ken Medema©1971 Hope
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Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts (*Gifts brought forward during singing*)

Song MV#187 We Give Our Thanks

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Re-a-mo le-bo-ga
We give our thanks to God
Nous ren-dons grâce à Dieu
We give our thanks to God!

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

One Final Joyous Word

***Song** (*standing*) VU820 Make a Joyful Noise

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Blessing & Changing of the Light

Postlude Music for the Journey

Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.

Service Credits: Exploring...Then Let Us Sing!

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