# Visions United Spirit Gathering Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Second Sunday after Epiphany "COME FOLLOW ME"

\*Stand as able

### **Our Community Gathers**

### **Gathering Music/Prelude**

Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

God's Doors Are Open to All!

### **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'kmag.

All: May we live with respect on this land,

and in peace and friendship with its peoples.

### **Lighting the Christ Candle and Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

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## Kindling a Flame for Peace

\* **Song** VU#371 Open My Eyes (all vs)

Words and Music: Clara H. Scott ©1895

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### **Gathering Invitation**

#### **Sharing Our WOW Moments**

Children leave for programming during singing.

\* **Song** MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (all vs, R between each)

Words: Ruth Duck ©1994

Music: Traditional melody, Ireland, ar. Arthur G Clyde,

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### We Listen for Wisdom

#### Theme Conversation

**Wisdom Reading** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 13-18

Second Wisdom Reading John 1: 43-51

**Special Music** Three Things I Promise Words: Brian Wren, 1997; French trans. David Fines, 2006

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Reflection

# We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

**Song** VU#507 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (vs 1 & 4)

Words: H. Kenn Carmichael ©1985

Music: English Traditional Melody, arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan ©1874 Words ©1989 H Kenn Carmichael. . All rights reserved. . Reprinted under OneLicense.net720804

The Community at Prayer

Mission & Service Story

Jane Aikman

### Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts

Dedication: MV #79 Spirit, Open My Heart (Refrain once) Words: Ruth Duck ©1994

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### The Work of the Congregation - Community Announcements

# We Go Forth with Blessing to Serve

\* **Song** (standing) VU#575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (all vs)

Words & Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum

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\*Changing and Blessing of the Light

\*Sending Forth

**Postlude Music for the Journey** 

Thank You for Joining Us!

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