

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Lent 3 – March 3, 2024
Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
Praise the Mountaintop Moments

* *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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Welcomed in Love

All: Blessed by Spirit

One: Called by Christ

**All: We gather in the presence of the One
 who said, "I am the Light."**

Kindling a Flame for Peace & Sharing the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sharing of WOW Moments

Gathering Invitation Let Us Love

by Elsa Anders Cook ©TWOTP, The Work of the People
<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/let-us-love>

Prayer of a Wandering Heart

Gathered together we proclaim a welcome:

Open Doors

Open Minds

Open Hands

Open Hearts

And so we pray:

May your welcoming Spirit

move within and among us,

opening our hearts to your vision for life.

Here in this place

may Grace provide

may Love empower

may Hope sustain

may Welcome be proclaimed

on this journey we share in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song MV#21 Open Our Hearts

Words/Music: Jim Strathdee ©2006

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Theme Conversation Mountaintop Moments
(Children's program begins)

We Listen for Wisdom

Handbell Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
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Wisdom Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Video Reflection Figuring Out Faith with Peter - Mountaintop Moments
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUpI3UyhglE>

Reflection Mountaintop Moments of Faith

Our Community at Prayer

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Spoken Prayer

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts *(Gifts brought forward during singing)*

Children Return

A Ritual to Mark the End of a Pastoral Relationship

***Song** *(standing)* MV#176 Three Things I Promise Words: Brian Wren 1997, trans. David Fines©2006
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A Statement of Purpose

Recognition of Symbols of Ministry

Marking the End of the Covenanted Ministry

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** *(standing)* MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide Words & Music: Gordon Light; arr. Michel Bloss
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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.