

**Visions United Spirit Gathering**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday – March 24, 2024**  
**Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter**  
*Wandering with Peter Through Holy Week*

## 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.**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Kindling a Flame for Peace & Sharing the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

### Sharing of WOW Moments

#### Invitation to Gather

**Special Music** Lent Medley: In the name of the Lord

Words/Music: Sandi Patty, Phil McHugh,  
 Gloria Gaither©1986 River Oaks Music

All Glory Laud and Honor

Words: John M. Neal Music: Melchoir Treschner

We will Glorify

Words/Music: Twila Paris, arr. David Allen©1982 Singspiration Music  
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### Jesus rides through Jerusalem

### John 12:12-15

**Prayer of the Wandering Heart** (*in unison*)

**God of Grace, we remember that Jesus marched for us.**

**His striving for justice and mercy was for us.**

**Grant us the courage to join the parade,**

**to speak out against wrongdoing with conviction.**

**May we allow the cries of the crowd's hosannas**

**to feel like our own.**

**We are loved, we are forgiven, we are sent out to serve,  
 and we sing your praise. Hosanna!**

## First Icon

**Song** (*standing*) VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Words: Jennette Threlfall 1873  
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**Video Reflection** Figuring Out Faith with Peter -Songs of Loudest Praise

**Peter resists, then receives the foot washing** **John 13:2b-9, 12-15**

## Second Icon

**Writing on the first square of paper**

**Song** (*seated*) MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am (2x) Words & Music: John Bell ©1995;  
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**Jesus foretells Peter's denials** **John 13:34-38**

**Writing on the second square of paper**

**Song** VU#112 O God, How We have Wandered Words: Kevin Nichols©1981  
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**Peter draws his sword** **John 18:1-11**

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**Holy One, we confess that in many hidden ways we are addicted to violence.**

**We have built war economies that make conflict profitable.**

**We lament the proliferation and use of firearms**

**and the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence.**

**Whether we have picked up a gun, uttered harmful words about each other,**

**or simply refused to acknowledge another's pain,**

**we have betrayed the peace you left with us.**

**We have created societies that justify**

**the violence of food and housing insecurity, racism, discrimination, and**

**marginalization. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and save us from resignation to these evils. Amen.**

**Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ three times** **John 18:12-18, 24-27**

## Third icon

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**Bringing the two squares of paper up to dissolve in water**

**Jesus is crucified** **John 19:16b-24, 28-30**

## Placing a rock at the foot of the cross

## Our Community at Prayer

## Blessing of Our Gifts *(Gifts brought forward during singing)*

*Sung Dedication* MV#100 Lord God, You Love Us

Words: Taize Community

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**O God, you love us, source of compassion.  
O God, we thank you, and bring you our gifts.**

## The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

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## Blessing & Extinguishing 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.***