

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Easter - March 31st, 2024
Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
And I Hope

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music/Prelude

Easter Acclamation One: Christ is risen!
 All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Rekindling the Christ Candle

Welcome

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 a Flame for Peace

Sharing of WOW Moments

Song (*standing*) VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today Words& Music: Lyra Davidica 1708,
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Prayer of the Wandering Heart (in unison)

**God of new beginnings, on that first Easter morning,
 the disciples struggled to hear the good news.
 Doubt filled their minds. They hardly dared to hope.
 Open our hearts, as theirs were gradually opened,
 to the mystery and joy of Easter.
 Like Peter, may we move closer to you
 and discover that Jesus abides among us,
 healing, teaching and leaving fingerprints in this world.
 With hope in our hearts, that the story is not over yet,
 we pray. Amen.**

Today's Icon "And I Hope"

Theme Conversation

(Children's program begins)

We Listen for Wisdom

Centering Song (*seated*) MV#50 Alleluia (2x) Words: trad liturgical text
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Wisdom Reading Luke 24:1-12 Reader: Bob Christie
Video Reflection Figuring Out Faith with Peter – And I Hope
Reflection

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Invitation to Generosity and to Gather at the Table

(Gifts are brought forward during the singing)

Sung Dedication VU#149 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross v. 4 (Were the whole realm...)

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Sharing the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Song VU#477 I Come with Joy, v. 1 (I come with joy...)

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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Sung Response VU#477 I Come with Joy, v. 3 (As Christ breaks bread...)

Prayer for the Spirit

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast we have shared.

We have been fed by your love and strengthened by your Spirit.

You send us out to live in your way and to share your joy.

May we feed others as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

and love as we have been loved.

Song VU#477 I Come with Joy (vs 4 and 5)

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

***Song** (*standing*) VU#164 The Day of Resurrection

Words: John of Damascus ca 750

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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.