

Visions United Spirit Gathering
April 14, 2024
<Good Shepherds>

* 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.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sharing the Peace & Kindling a Flame for Peace

One: Peace of Christ Be With You

All: And Also With You

Sharing of WOW Moments

***Song VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

Words & Music: Donald Fisbel, arr.

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Invitation to Gather

Opening Sentences

One: As we gather together on this spring morning,
 may we weave a patchwork of peace:

**All: The soft deep blue of sensitivity and understanding;
 The red energy of creativity;
 The white heat of convictions;
 The risky, fragile green of new growth;
 The golden flashes of gratitude;
 The warm rose of love.**

One: Together, in our gathered diversity,
we form the whole. So be it. (*BWienecke*)

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

**May we greet one another with open hearts and minds;
inspire each other to consider new questions and seek deeper meaning;
and cultivate both wisdom and compassion.
And may this time together empower us to take some new steps
so all our living is transforming and the
yearning of our hearts become reality.
May it be so.**

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages or Children's Time

Song VU#747

The Lord's My Shepherd

Words: Scottish Psalter1650

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(*Children's Programming Begins*)

Wisdom Reading(s)

"Christianity did not begin with a confession.
It began with an invitation into friendship,
into creating a new community,
into forming relationships based on love and service."

- Diana Butler Bass

Luke 24:35-44 **Reader:** Claudia Schaerer

Reflection

At the table

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song VU#373

As Comes the Breath of Spring

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Our Community at Prayer (& Lord's Prayer *optional*)

Invitation to Generosity & Sharing of Our Gifts (*offering brought forward*)

Sung Dedication or Spoken Prayer

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

* **Song** (*standing*) MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts Words & Music: Gordon Light, arr. Andrew Donaldson
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Changing of the Light and Blessing

Postlude Music for the Journey

Thank You for Joining Us!

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

Worship Leader: Reverend Catherine Gaw