

Visions United Spirit Gathering

April 28th, 2024

The Tree Will Find the Water

* *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#222 Come, Let Us Sing**

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Invitation to Gather

Opening Sentences

One: Awake, O my soul,
To the beauty of the divine deep within you

**All: And awake to its fragrance in the body of the earth.
Know its strength of attraction**

One: And its grace to heal what has been torn apart.

**All: Awake, O my soul,
To the beauty of the divine deep within you.**

(Listen silently for a few minutes within the sacredness of your being.)

Awake, O my soul, awake.

Gathering Prayer

One: So gathering as we do in this sacred place,
we pause again to reflect, to feel, and to commit to thoughtful and mindful intention.

(Silence)

**All: We wonder again about the ebb and flow
of this living, breathing, expanding universe...
And of this community.**

(Silence)

**May we give our attention right now
to each other,
to new beginnings,
to this time,
to this season.
May it be so.**

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages or Children's Time

Song MV#28 God of the Bible

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Wisdom Reading(s)

Did the Sun Come Up this Morning? By Victoria Safford UUA Worship Web

Acts 8:26-40

Glenna Lightfoot

Reflection Faith Will Always Find the Water

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song VU#333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Our Community at Prayer

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

Sung Dedication MV#188 I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

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The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

*** Song MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide**

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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