Visions United Spirit Gathering
June 9th, 2024

Today we celebrate the 99th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada! We remember the story of how the United Church came into being and reflect on Vision's story as well.

**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, creds, 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: (unison)
Jesus is the Light of the World,
as this candle is lit, we invite that light
into our worship and into our lives.

Kindling a Flame for Peace & Sharing the Peace

One: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.

Sharing of WOW Moments

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Invitation to Gather

One: Siblings and parents,
come and gather here!
All: We are part of God's family.
One: Young and old, short and tall,
come and gather here!
All: We are part of God's family.
One: All who seek to do God's will,
come and gather here!
All: We are part of God's family.
One: Siblings and parents, let us worship God!

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Gathering Prayer: (unison)

Loving God, we call you father, mother, and friend. You invite us to see the world differently, to celebrate that our family is more than those to whom we are related, but includes all who seek to follow you. Help us to know, to understand, and to celebrate that all who seek to do your will are a part of Jesus' family. Amen.

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages: The Family Book by Todd Parr

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Wisdom Reading: Mark 3:31-35

Special Music Creator God You Gave Us Life Words&Music: Judith Snowdon©2004. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net#720804

Reflection Family Stories

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

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Our Community at Prayer

Lord's Prayer -

Our Father - Mother,
who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread

Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Generosity & Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Mission & Service Moment

The Work of the Congregation – Announcements

We Go Forth to be a Blessing

***Song** (standing) MV#216 Wherever You May Go

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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.