

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES



Liturgy



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# Liturgy

On Native American Ministries Sunday, you are invited to incorporate these prayers into your order of worship. The liturgy is designed to stand alone or to coordinate with the Native American Ministries sermon starter, offering talk, children's message and children's bulletin.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

For thousands of years, the space where we prayerfully gather today was under the care of the SPECIFY THE NATIVE PEOPLE WHO ORIGINALLY LIVED WHERE YOUR CHURCH IS (this map can help you identify the unceded territory your church occupies: <https://native-land.ca/>).



Their presence in this region is remembered and woven into the history of our

community. On this Native American Ministries Sunday and every day, we are encouraged to partner in repairing past harm and to move forward with awareness and respect, celebrating and embracing the contributions of First Americans.

### INVOCATION: A CHINOOK PRAYER

May all I say and all I think  
be in harmony with thee,  
God within me,  
God beyond me,  
maker of the trees.

—Chinook prayer, Pacific Northwest Coast

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Christ the Lord is Risen today!

**All:** Alleluia

**One:** As I stand upon the Earth,

**All:** I know that I am part of a Circle.

**One:** As I drink water from a cup,

**All:** I know that I am part of a Circle.

**One:** As I harvest from a garden,

**All:** I know that I am part of a Circle.



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**One:** As I gather from a berry bush,

**All: I know that I am part of a Circle.**

**One:** As I hunt and look into the eyes of the deer,

All: I know that I am part of a Circle.

**One:** With each breath I take, with each day I live,

**All: I know I am part of a Circle.**

**One:** Laughter and tears mingle to remind us that  
we are all part of a Circle.

**All: That Circle is the Earth. That Circle is the  
People. That Circle is Life.**

**One:** Christ the Lord is Risen today!

**All: Alleluia**

*\*The Rev. Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, United  
Methodist Women's 2008-2009 mission study on  
Native American Survival*

## LITANY OF CONFESSION

**One:** We send to you, Creator God, our dreams,  
visions, and prayers.

For the hearts of the people,

Created with your sacred fire burning within us,  
we confess that we struggle to live out our  
great potential.

**One:** When we do harm to your Creation, your  
creatures and fellow human beings,

**All: Forgive us.**

**One:** When we fail to do all the good we can, in all  
the places we can,

**All: Forgive us.**

**One:** When we turn away from your love and grace,

**All: Forgive us.**

**One:** Hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

**All: You are forgiven. I am forgiven.**

**We are forgiven.**

*—Litany of Confession from Native American  
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## THE NEW ZEALAND ANGLICAN LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through  
the universe!



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The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain  
our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

—*The New Zealand Book of Prayer,  
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

## OFFERING DEDICATION

Holy One, we present these gifts to you with  
thanksgiving for Native American ministries.  
Multiply this offering to share your love in this

annual conference and throughout The United  
Methodist Church to repair past harm and affirm  
your people. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

## BENEDICTION

May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
may the moon softly restore you by night,  
may the rain wash away your worries,  
may the breeze blow new strength into your being,  
may you walk gently through the world and  
know its beauty all the days of your life.

—*Apache Blessing*

**A Native American Celebration of Holy Communion**  
A liturgy for celebrating Holy Communion is  
available through United Methodist Discipleship  
Ministries: [https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/  
resources/a-native-american-celebration-of-  
holy-communion](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-native-american-celebration-of-holy-communion).

