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This liturgy is part of the Native American Ministries Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “God’s Promise of Restoration” based on Acts 2:14a, 36-41. The prayers can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

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 Indigenous 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 participate in repairing past harm and moving forward with awareness and respect, celebrating and embracing the contributions of First Americans.

INVOCATION

Heavenly Creator, we gather on this third Sunday of Easter to celebrate your resurrection promise. As we lift up the ministries of United Methodist Native Americans, open us to the gift of your Holy Spirit. Give us a sense of connection with the fullness of your church family. We celebrate the promises you keep to every generation. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ the Lord is Risen today!

All: Alleluia.

One: We gather today, aware of the ways we continue to nail Christ to the cross.



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All: Forgive us, God.

One: We gather today, celebrating the ministries of United Methodist Native Americans.

All: We praise you, God.

One: We gather today, prepared to participate in the restoration of relationships with all God's children.

All: Restore us, God!

One: We gather today trusting that the resurrection promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

One: Christ the Lord is Risen today!

All: Alleluia.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all generations, thank you for all of your blessings. Thank you for the diversity of culture and tradition in The United Methodist Church. As we present our gifts to you today, multiply them so that all your children have opportunities to learn of you, to worship you and to be restored by you. Transform them into ministries for Native American churches to repair harm, bring healing, and offer hope. Amen.

BENEDICTION

A Cheyenne Prayer for Peace:

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,

For as long as the rivers shall flow,

For as long as the sun shall shine,

For as long as the grass shall grow,

Let us know peace.

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>

