

**NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES SUNDAY**
Live in Christ Jesus.



"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him..."
—Colossians 2:6, NRSV



**NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY**

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him."
—Colossians 2:6,
NRSV

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who comes to this house today?

People: We come from the east to celebrate our God who has created the rising sun and has given us a new day.

Leader: Who comes to this place of worship?

People: We come from the north to remember that the One who made us also shaped the face of icy mountains and snow-swept valleys.

Leader: Who enters into this place of sanctuary?

People: We come from the west, singing of our Maker's love and dancing with the red sun at our backs.

Leader: Who gathers as the church today?

People: We come from the south, our voices rising with the desert winds as we praise the Giver of all life.

Leader: Let us now join together as one body.

All: Worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Amen.

LITANY

Note: We suggest an elder and a child lead this litany.

Elder: Our children represent the center of the circle of life.

People: They are newly sprung from the Great Mystery of Creation.

Child: Our elders represent the power of the circle of life.

People: The wisdom of one generation lights the way for those who walk behind.

Elder: Every person is created a sacred being, an image of the face of God.

People: We are connected to one another, part of the great wheel turning.

Child: We are shown the way to live within the circle of life.

All: Follow Christ in the circle of life! Amen.

PRAYER

God of all creation, we gather as your people on this day that you have made. We give thanks for the evidence of your presence found all around us. Help us to love your world and everything in it, as you love us. On this day when our community celebrates the ministry of Native Americans, open us to a deeper understanding of who we are in relationship with one another. Remind us that, in times past, the native peoples of this country provided so many with the means of survival. Remind us that native peoples freely taught and shared the wisdom of ancient societies with the stranger and the alien. Help us to remember the earth is sacred to Native Americans and to respect your creation. We celebrate Native American ministries today and always. Help us to recognize the value of the road each has walked to arrive at this place and to recognize the value of the shared journey before us all. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUGGESTED HYMNS

Unless noted, all selections are from *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

- "Daw-Kee, Aim Daw-Tsi-Taw" ("Great Spirit, Now I Pray"), 330
- "Many and Great, O God," 148
- "We Are the Church," 558
- "Cherokee Hymn 36: Heaven Beautiful," 16, *Voices*
- "Choctaw Hymn 21: Sinners, Can You Hate the Savior," 22, *Voices*

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURAL READINGS

- Colossians 2:6
- Psalm 4 (*UMH* 741)
- Acts 3:12-19
- 1 John 3:1-7
- Luke 24:36b-48

BENEDICTION

As God has loved you, go forth and love the circle of life created by God's hand. As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Christ. May you be a blessing to all whose paths cross your own. Amen.



—The Rev. Anita L. Phillips,
superintendent,
Southern District,
Oklahoma Indian Missionary
Conference

**Oklahoma Indian
Missionary Conference
Children**