

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2022
Celebrate the Wisdom of Indigenous Peoples

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach and Christlike in Action!
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WELCOME: The MYSTERY which IS
the LOVE we call "God," is with you all!
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

Land Acknowledgement

This worship video was recorded on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe, the Huron-Wendat, and the Chippewas of Lake Simcoe and Lake Huron. This territory is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the lands and resources around the Great Lakes.

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PRELUDE: **On the Back of An Eagle**
by Nancy Telfer

Prayer of the Day

Creator, your wisdom is without beginning and without end, passed forward from generation to generation by the prophets and wisdom keepers. Open our ears to hear, our minds to learn, our hearts to love, and our hands to act, that we work toward reconciliation with all our brothers and sisters. Guide us Great Spirit.

First Reading: Ephesians 2:19 – 22 -First Nations Version: A Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

Now we are all his holy people and members of one new nation. No one is on the outside of this great family that our Father is creating. We are all related to one another and initiated into Creator's lodge that is built together with wooden poles – the message bearers and prophets of old. Creator Sets Free [Jesus] is the main pole binding us together like branches being weaved into his sacred lodge. Joined together in this way, we become a dwelling place for his Spirit.

Second Reading: from What Comes From Spirit by Richard Wagamese

I am drawn to ceremony like Earth is drawing its circle around the sun. .. Breathing is a ceremony when it's mindful. So is walking. So is looking at something that moves me. So is talking when the talk is real and earnest...

We all have stories within us. Sometimes we hold them gingerly, sometimes desperately, sometimes as gently as an infant. It is only by sharing our stories, by being strong enough to take a risk - both in the telling and in the asking - that we make it possible to know, recognize, and understand each other.

Reflection: Dave Gordon

Many and Great

Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - šbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

The Prayer Attributed to Jesus: A First Nations Interpretation

**O Great Spirit, the Source of our life, You created us all.
You live in the Heavens, in the Earth, and in our hearts.
Your name is very sacred to us, we see it everyday in the skies, in the
rivers, and in our forests.**

**You are friend to the four-legged ones,
The winged ones, the ones who live in waters,
and to the two-legged ones.**

**Your eternal ways bring harmony and strength,
So the hoop of your people is unbroken as we gather
around the council fires for wisdom.**

**You are the source of our life.
So, we rejoice each day for the food we eat,
The shelter we live in, and the companions we share.**

**Help us remember that as we love those around us,
Your love grows within us.**

**Lead our steps away from the trails of confusion and hurtfulness;
Place our feet on the trails of harmony and sharing,
for your ways direct our lives.
Your Power ignites the campfires of our hearts.
Let us sing songs of joy to each other as we gather our logs.
Thank you, Great Spirit, Amen**

Postlude: POSTLUDE:

Moonless Night by Richard Faith

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