

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

WORSHIP & PRAYER

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



These worship resources are part of the Native American Ministries Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “A Road to Repentance, Conversion and Healing.” It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.

It is based on the lectionary readings for May 4, 2025: Acts 9:1-6 and Psalm 30.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*O Great Spirit,
whose breath gives life to the world,
and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze;
We need your strength and wisdom.
Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes
ever to behold the red and purple sunset.
Make us wise so that we may understand
what you have taught us.
Help us learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.
Make us always ready to come to you
with clean hands and steady eyes,
so when life fades, like the fading sunset,
our hearts come to you without shame. Amen*

Traditional Native American Prayer, #329, The United Methodist Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON PSALM 30 FOUND IN UMH #762

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up,
And did not let my foes rejoice over me.

***O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
And you healed me.***

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

Restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones,
And give thanks to his holy name.

***Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
The Lord's favor is for a lifetime.***

Weeping may tarry for the night,
But joy comes with the morning.

***As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”***

By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
***you hid your face,
I was dismayed.***

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication.

***“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?”***

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

***Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”***

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have loosened my sackcloth
And girded me with gladness,
That my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.



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