

# WORSHIP & PRAYER

## NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



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### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** From one Creator, God formed all peoples and nations, shaping our histories, our cultures, and our lands.

**People:** *We come to worship the God who is near to all of us.*

**Leader:** God spoke life into every race and culture through ancient lands and new homelands, through ancestors and descendants, through stories carried across oceans and generations, and stories deeply rooted in the soil.

**People:** *In God, we live and move and have our being.*

**Leader:** We gather today as many people in this land, descendants of the enslaved and the free, Indigenous communities, African American, African, and Afro-Caribbean communities, Anglo and European descendants, Latino, Hispanic, and Afro-Latino communities, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander peoples, Middle Eastern and Arab communities, multiracial and mixed-heritage families, immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and undocumented siblings, rural and urban, long-established and newly arrived, each bearing the image of God.

**People:** *We are God's offspring, created in love and dignity.*

**Leader:** We acknowledge that the lens of our histories does not look the same. Some are marked by privilege, Some are marked by displacement and struggle, Some are marked by resilience, faith, and hope. YET ALL are held within God's redeeming grace.

**People:** *Teach us to listen, to learn, and to walk humbly with one another.*

**Leader:** Today we honor the peoples of this land, We give thanks for the richness of every culture, including Our Indigenous Family and we commit ourselves to justice, reconciliation, and peace.

**People:** *Let our worship reflect God's vision of every tongue, tribe, nation, people, and language praising God together, of one accord.*

**All:** *Let us worship together our Great Creator God, who calls us in relationship with one another. Let us celebrate our Indigenous siblings and all of humanity. One God, a Diversity of People, One Family, a Future of Hope, redemption, and transformation. We believe it to be so!*

### PRAYER

Creator God,

We, your people, thank you for our Indigenous siblings and tribal nations, for the beauty of cultures, stories, languages, food; the diversity of lived experiences; and God-sized wisdom.

We confess that we, your Church, have not always honored our Indigenous siblings as your beloved children. Forgive us where we have ignored truth, benefited from their harm, or remained silent when justice required our courage, sacrifice of comfort, and our collective or individual voices. Forgive us.



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Teach us how to walk courageously with you, to listen deeply for your voice in others. Please help us learn from others and act with integrity in all circumstances. Form us in your love that is more than words can define: love that crosses boundaries, love that repairs, love that gives, expecting nothing in return.

Strengthen our Native American siblings and the ministries they serve in all our annual conferences through the work of CONAM and beyond. Bless our Indigenous siblings discerning calls into ordained and licensed ministry; provide resources, mentors, faith communities, and the general communities that will commit to nurturing and assisting their gifts. Empower programs that develop new ministries through mentoring, economic empowerment, and leadership development.

Fan the flame within your Church to look toward the possibilities of a bright future, where all your children will worship with every nation, tribe, people, and language, until “Justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” as Scripture shows us in Amos 5:24. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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