

# ***NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY*** **APRIL 18, 2021**                      **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**





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### On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRfityrqqmMD8rlcivF1>  
**Sunday Worship 1 - Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am**  
**Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am**



All Previous Lent and Easter Videos remain available for viewing.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SEGMENT 1- 9:00AM - PRAYERS AND PRAISE

### PRELUDE

*Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*  
Rick-Hymnal 422-Lyrics-4v-hd.mp4

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### PRAYER

[www.episcopalchurch.org/page/indigenous-ministries](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/indigenous-ministries)  
Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are  
and all that you bring to us within your creation.  
In Jesus, you placed the gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle  
through which all creation is related.  
On this Native American Ministries Sunday  
show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.  
Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment  
as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

### WELCOME

UM BOOK OF WORSHIP Prieres d'Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20th Cent.  
You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.  
Let us sit side by side, sharing the same bread drawn from the same source  
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.  
Then standing together let us share the same spirit,  
the same thoughts that once again draw us together  
in friendship and unity and peace.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Hippolytus of Rome (c. 170 – c. 235)  
Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate  
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen  
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing  
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

**Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,  
the first of the sleepers,  
Glory and power are his forever and ever.**

*Peace Be Still! By The Rev. Jeff Ramsland,  
pastor of the Cherokee United Methodist Church in Cherokee, NC  
Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying "Peace, be still."  
As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now, saying "Peace, be still."  
As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us.  
Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord;  
may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still.*

**May we know both your presence and your peace;  
May you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving.**

**HYMN**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
Rick-Hymnal 066-20Jul19.mp4*

**66**

**SCRIPTURE**

**ACTS 3:12–19**

**CALL TO REPENTANCE**

*In Psalm 4, we are offered this challenge...  
How long will the Lord endure your insults?  
How long will you love what is worthless?  
How long will you seek what is false?*

**CONFESSION**

*[https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/08/28/17/19/2019\\_nams\\_discussion\\_questions.ashx](https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/08/28/17/19/2019_nams_discussion_questions.ashx)*

**Divine Creator, thank you  
for your land, your water and your people.  
I acknowledge and confess that the place where I live  
was taken at the expense of the Native people.  
Just as you transformed Saul  
to repair his harm to followers of "The Way",  
help me to repair the harm done  
to the indigenous people in our area.  
In the name of the Prince of Peace, I pray. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS**

*Again from Psalm 4  
You are agitated. Discontinue your sin.  
Meditate silently... ponder deeply as you recline.*

*<silent prayers>*

*The Lord has set apart the Righteous.  
The Lord hears when I call.  
Bring the sacrifices God requires. Then simply trust.*

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace. Amen.**

*Again from Psalm 4  
Hear my Pleas, O God of righteousness.  
Often you have relieved me when I was sorely pressed.  
Hear my cries, and grant me your grace.*

*Many and great, O God, are your works,  
Maker of earth and sky.*

**Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
You merely spoke and waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.**

*Grant us communion with you, our God,  
though you transcend the stars.*

**Come close to us and stay by our side:  
with you are found the true gifts that last.  
Bless us with life that never shall end,  
eternal life with you.**

## ASSURANCE

*Again from Psalm 4*

*The Lord hears when I call.*

**You have given us great joy;  
more than the thanksgivings of abundant harvests.  
I recline... I sleep... secure, and at peace.  
In you alone, O Lord, I find my safety.**

## HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Rick-Hymnal 140-20Jul19.mp4*

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## INTERCESSIONS

*adapted from TFWS 2201*

*Leader (spoken) - Though we may not hear one another in this time,  
God does hear all of our prayers, even those held silently,  
even those we could not verbalize if we tried..  
Still, as you are able, I encourage you to speak your prayers aloud,  
or at least to write them down during this time of intercessions.*

*One of our beloved hymns has these lines...  
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.  
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

1. Together, let us pray for the members and friends of our congregation ...
2. Together, let us pray for those who suffer and those in trouble ...
3. Together, let us pray for the concerns of this local community ...
4. Together, let us pray for the world, its people, and its leaders ...
5. Together, let us pray for the church universal —its leaders, its members, and its mission ...
6. Together, let us pray for the communion of saints ...

BOW512FOR GUIDANCE (James Martineau, England, 19th Cent., Alt.)  
O eternal God, ... fill us with that compassion for others' troubles  
... And to you, the Beginning and the End,  
Lord of the living, Refuge of the dying, be thanks and praise for ever.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Let your kingdom come. Your will be done. Alleluia.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

**HYMN**

*Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)*  
Dean McIntyre, via GBOD - 2007.mp3

**2007**

**SEGUE**

**Walk Softly**

*Boe Harris-Nakakakena  
(which means 'rattles with feet')  
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*When joy fills us, We will walk softly  
When our hearts are rejoicing, We will walk softly  
When we recognize Jesus sits, walks and stands beside us, We will walk softly  
When we hear of pain and suffering of others, We will walk softly  
When hearts are stricken by grief, We will walk softly  
When all around us is attacking our faith, We will walk softly  
When doubt fills our days, We will walk softly  
When others are watching, We will walk softly  
As we lead others into the path of righteousness for His name's sake  
We will walk softly*

***Anthem Note from Cathy***

***"Be Thou My Vision" is the hymn I have chosen for this week as the anthem. The message this hymn brings to us is that we should always keep our Lord first in our hearts through all the days and nights. His presence will "bring us light." Our Lord is our "treasure" and "vision" and "Ruler of all." God be with you always, Cathy and Clark***

**INTERLUDE**

**AMAZING GRACE**

*Rick-Hymnal 378-rick-20Jun14.mp4*

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## SEGMENT 2

### INTERLUDE WELCOME

*The Rev. Jeff Ramsland*

*serves as pastor of the Cherokee United Methodist Church in Cherokee, NC.  
He also serves on the Board of SEJANAM (Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency on Native American Ministries)  
and CONAM (Committee on Native American Ministries) for the Western North Carolina Conference.*

*Come, let us worship the Creator with hearts open to all peoples,  
where pride and prejudice once dwelt;*

**Let us worship Creator  
with minds open to the wisdom of Native peoples,  
where listening and respect once had no place.**

*Let us honor the One who freely gives by showing honor  
to those who were once and still remain oppressed.*

**Let us worship the God of diversity,  
who made the world in colors,  
in seasons, in endless variety;**

*Let us worship the God of diversity,  
who created the diversity of the earth's peoples in His image.*

**We were created to honor one another  
and in so doing we honor the Creator.  
Let us honor Him today by reflecting in our worship  
and in life His image -- love.**

### PRAYER

*Let Us Give Thanks*

*The Rev. Jeff Ramsland*

*Let us give thanks for this beautiful day, for it is a gift from Creator.  
Let us give thanks for the water without which life would not be possible.  
Let us give thanks for Grandmother Earth who protects and nourishes us.  
We give thanks for earth, air, sun, and water,  
in which we see the hand of Creator,  
even Creator Himself for He is in all He has made.*

**ALL: Let us give thanks for this life.  
It is a gift from Creator, and  
we have the possibility of living it.  
Let us live it to His praise and glory!**

### SCRIPTURE

**1 JOHN 3:1–7  
LUKE 24:36B–48**

### SERMON

## AFFIRMATION

*inspired by an oration by Chief Seattle  
(more correctly known as Seathl) a Susquamish chief who lived on the islands of the Puget Sound  
Every part of this earth is sacred.*

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,  
every mist in the dark woods,  
every clearing and humming insect is holy.**

*The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all  
the people, all belong to the same family.  
Teach your children that the earth is our mother.*

**Whatever befalls the earth  
befalls the children of the earth.  
We are part of the earth,  
and the earth is a part of us.**

*The rivers are our brothers; they quench our thirst.*

**The perfumed flowers are our sisters,  
the air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.**

*The wind that gave our grandparents breath  
also receives their last sigh.*

**The wind gave our children the spirit of life.**

*This we know, the earth does not belong to us.*

**We belong to the earth.**

*This we know, all things are connected.*

**Like the blood which unites one family,  
all things are connected.**

*Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.*

**For we did not weave the web of life.  
We are merely a strand in it.  
Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.**

*Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us.*

**Thanks be to God, the God of all.**

## HYMN

*Maker, in Whom We Live  
Rick-Hymnal 088-20Jul19.mp4*

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## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*As Jesus gave himself fully for us  
and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace,  
so let us live to wholeness and healing to others  
through our tithes and gifts.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*adapted from liturgy prepared by the Church of the Apostles,  
a mission of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.  
O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe,  
through whom all people are related,  
call us to the kinship of all your people.  
Grant us vision to see through the lens of justice,  
the brokenness of the past.*

**In your great love, O God, Hear our prayers. (Pause)**

*Help us to listen to you and to one another,  
in order to heal the wounds of the present.  
And give us courage, patience, and wisdom  
to work together for healing and hope with all of your people,  
now and in the future.*

**In your great love, O God, Hear our prayers. (Pause)**

*Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to  
all people  
that we might live in dignity. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CATHY'S ANTHEM EMAIL NOTES: *Be Thou My Vision***

**ZOOM - SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME 11:00AM**

**- Training Tuesdays – 7p**

**- Wednesday “Open Office Hour”- 7pm**



**Today: Native American Ministries Sunday  
you can learn more via this link**

**<https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article>**

## **PRAYER**

*Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*adapted from UM329 & BOW487*

*Trad. Native American prayer — translated by Chief Yellow Lark*

**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.**

**Make our hands respect the things you have made  
and our ears sharp to hear your voice.**

**Help us learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.**

**Help us seek pure thoughts  
and act with the intention of helping others.**

**Make us always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and steady eyes,  
so when life fades, like the fading sunset,  
our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.**

## CHARGE

*When We See God (Psalm 19)*

*Rev. Jeff Ramsland*

*We see God in earth, water, sun, air -- everywhere!*

**The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

*How much more we could learn about Him if we would listen  
-- if we were open to the knowledge that pours into us every minute!*

**Creator is in all He has made.  
What beauty there is in the opportunity  
to interact with Him in everything we do.**

*Such a life indeed, becomes a living prayer.  
We say our prayers in unspoken language and  
respect whenever we harvest, plant, work or play.*

**When we see God in all things  
we live in reverence with everything around us.  
This week we continue in worship  
in reverence and in praise!**

## BLESSING

*BOW458*

*— American Indian Cherokee Blessing*

*“May the warm winds of heaven blow softly upon your house.  
May the Great Spirit bless all who enter there.  
May your moccasins make happy tracks in many snows,  
and may the rainbow always touch your shoulder.”*

*BENEDICTION\* (Adapted from Colossians 2:6)*

*—The Rev. Anita Phillips, Oklahoma Indian*

*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.*

## POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
*Rick-Hymnal 577-rick-20Jun14.mp4*

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*Third Sunday of Easter*

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**LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK.**

Acts 3:12–19  
Psalm 4

1 John 3:1–7  
Luke 24:36b–48

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

When Jesus appeared to the disciples,  
“he opened their minds to understand the scriptures” (Luke 24:45).  
What is it to “understand” God’s word?  
How does understanding feed your faith?  
In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you  
from something you hear or read or realize through another person.

**MORNING PRAYER:**

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal.  
I thank you that when you come to your people,  
you speak peace and invite faith in you.  
Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life  
than I did yesterday.  
Give me ears to hear your will for me,  
hands that are open to others,  
and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**EVENING PRAYER:**

For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks.  
Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you.  
Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall.  
You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step.  
Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms.  
Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good,  
bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Give thanks for:**

- ✓ the distinctive icons, art, literature and music that have come from this area
- ✓ the faithful witness of churches under the reign of Communism,  
and their revitalization since then, after decades of official atheism
- ✓ all those who help to alleviate the suffering of people due to the conflict in Ukraine and  
who try to counteract and overcome divisions
- ✓ those who work for democracy and openness in government.

**Pray for:**

- ✓ guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures
- ✓ compassion and integrity for all peoples  
in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories
- ✓ those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis  
and other life-threatening diseases
- ✓ the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed
- ✓ those in Belarus and Ukraine  
who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster
- ✓ those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

**Prayers**

*Vesper Hymn, Sunday of the Blind Man. In: Let us pray to the Lord,  
A collection of prayers from the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions © 1996 WCC)*

Christ our God,  
sun of righteousness,  
by your divine touch  
you gave light to the eyes of the blind man  
who had been deprived of light since birth.  
Enlighten also the eyes of our souls,  
and make us sons and daughters of light  
so that we cry out to you in faith:  
great and beyond words is your compassion towards us!  
Loving Lord, glory to you!

## **Prayer before supper**

*(Orthodox tradition. [www.stvladimirs.ca](http://www.stvladimirs.ca))*

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live forever!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Lord, have mercy! (3 times)

O Christ God, bless the food and drink of thy servants,  
for thou art holy, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

## **Morning prayer**

*(Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow, Russia. [www.stvladimirs.ca](http://www.stvladimirs.ca))*

Lord, let me accept calmly all that this day might bring me,  
and let me devote myself completely to your sacred will.  
Direct me and help me each hour of this day.  
Control my thoughts and feelings in all my deeds and words.  
When unpredictable circumstances arise,  
do not let me forget that everything comes from you.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, it is better not to live than to live without you. I thank you, God, for the gift of this day and for all the good deeds that you will help me do today. Holy Spirit, help me to dedicate this day to my Lord and Saviour. Teach me to be just towards my brother [and sister], never to provoke wrath or cause sorrow. Control my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love.

Merciful God, deliver me from the desire for comfort and make me worthy of denying myself for your sake and for my brother's [and sister's] sake at any moment, for that is why you have given me life. Help me to reject anything that does not belong to you, and all that does belong to you to accept with devout faith, hope and love. Give me courage to serve you worthily, to place justice above profit, the realization of noble deeds above momentary pleasures, to put others before myself and to fulfil your commandment of love. Let the light of your beauty, goodness and love shine in my soul.