

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,**     *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*     **349**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *Come, Let Us Worship, by Rev. Jeff Ramsland     via DM/GBOD*

*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;  
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.**

**HYMN**     *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*     **318**

**PRAYER**     *Traditional Dakota Tribe Prayer,     found in our Book of Worship.*

*Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have always been,  
and before you nothing has been.  
There is no one to pray to but you.  
The star nations all over the heavens are yours,  
and yours are the grasses of the earth.*

*You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer.*

**Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with the light.  
Give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see.  
Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live.  
Help us, for without you we are nothing.**

**FIRST LESSON**     Acts 3:12-19

**GOSPEL**     Luke 24:36b-48

**EPISTLE**     1 John 3:1-7

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

*by Chief Yellow Lark, Lakota*

**Oh, Great Spirit,  
Whose voice I hear in the winds  
and whose breath gives life to all the world.  
Hear me! I need your strength and wisdom.  
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes  
ever hold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made  
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may understand  
the things you have taught your peoples.  
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.**

**I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,  
but to fight my greatest enemy: myself.  
Make me always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and straight eyes.  
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you without shame.  
{silent prayers}**

*from Rev. Jeff Ramsland*

*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.*

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

**CHOIR**     *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*     **140**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**     *He Lives*     **310**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
INTERCESSIONS  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER

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Holy God, thank you for your presence with us.  
Receive our designated gifts today as a symbol of our  
commitment to equip and empower Native American pastors,  
congregations and seminary students. Transform this  
offering into a declaration of your divine love that  
strengthens and encourages our indigenous siblings in  
Christ. Amen.

## HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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## PRAYER & SENDING

*By Rev. Delana Taylor, Cherokee, ordained deacon,  
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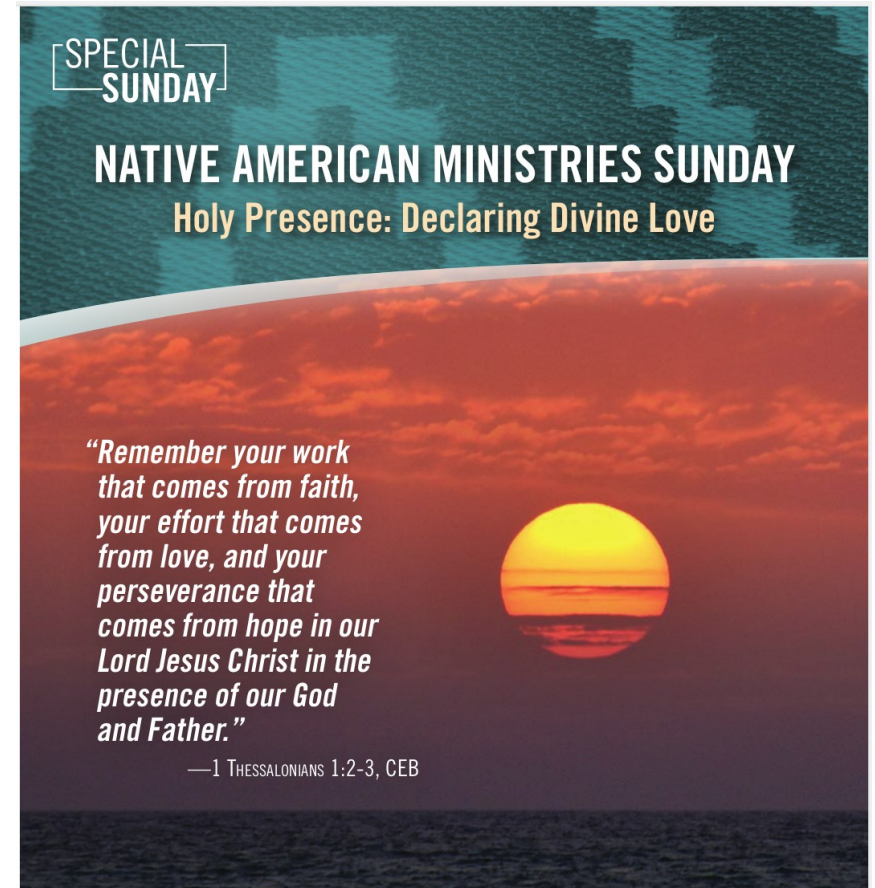
Creator God, as you have gathered us in generations past,  
lead and guide us this day as we seek your wisdom  
and your vision for our people.  
Give us eyes to see one another as you see us,  
people of one God, connected to one another  
and to you in all our relations, and in your son Jesus.  
Give us ears to hear the wisdom of our elders  
and the laughter of our children.  
Give us words of blessing and healing for a hurting world.  
Open our hearts and lead us on the path of peace.  
We stand together on sacred ground with grateful hearts,  
knowing that the One who promises is faithful and true.  
Amen

## POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**April 17, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary  
Year B – Third Sunday of Easter; April 17, 2024*

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### **Scriptures**

*Psalm 4*

*Acts 3:12-19*

*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 Prayers:**

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 Prayers:**

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.

## **Announcements & Notes**

*ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,  
please let us know.*

### **More Calendar Notes**

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*If there are other calendar notes, please email the pastor...*

### **Prayer Concern Notes**

***What NEW thing would you like to see  
the church try to do during 2024?***