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Stay Salty, My Friends

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

Welcome

Prelude "Cantabile" from Chartres Richard Purvis

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at

11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come

whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come, ready to worship God with our brothers and

sisters in Christ!

Leader: Worship is better with friends! We are glad you are here!

People: Lord, bless our time together as we learn, pray, sing and

praise you together!

Hymn

Thine Be the Glory





Morning Prayer of the Lenni Lenape

We give thanks today to our Creator God for the countless ways he comes to us through creation – for all the beauty that our eyes see, for all the sounds that our ears hear, for all the scents that we smell, the tastes that we taste, for all that we feel: the sun, wind, rain, snow, warm, and cold. We pray this day that we may be open and attuned to the countless ways that our Creator God comes to us through our senses, through the gift of creation.

As we pray to you this day, we let go of all the pain, struggle, regret, failure, garbage of yesterday. We leave it behind.

We step into this new day, full of hope, promise, and potential and we give thanks for the gift of this new day, which God has made! Amen.

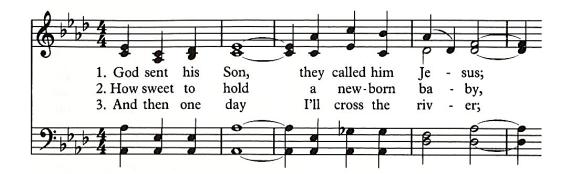
Comments About Native American Sunday

Lynn Caterson, Native American Ministries Representative

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Because He Lives







Senior Choir

Death Where Is Your Sting?

Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-13

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Offertory

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Air" from Water Music

G. F. Handel

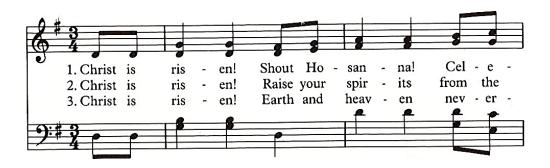
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

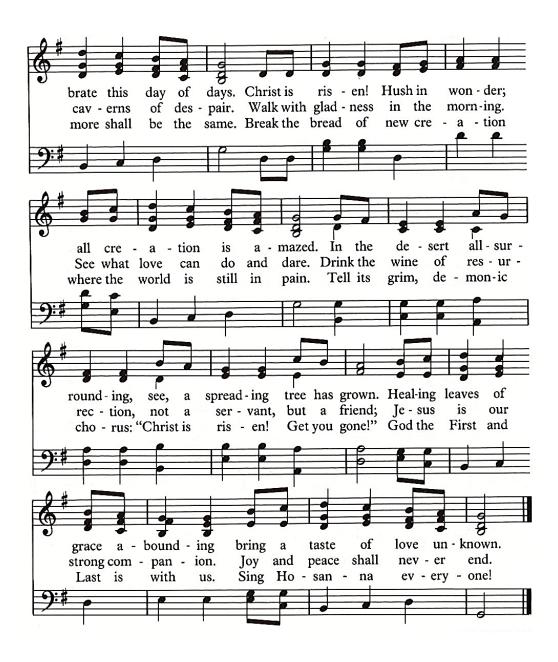
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ Is Risen





Benediction

Postlude Toccata Craig A. Penfield