

**Order of Worship**  
**Dreaming Together/Native American Ministry Sunday**  
**26 September 2021**

**Prelude:**

Laura Murach

**Welcome:**

Deacon

**Opening Prayer:**

Deacon

Gathered here on this Holy Ground,  
The Psalmist reminds us that

**The earth is Creator's,  
and everything in it –  
this world and all who live in it.**

We confess that many who have come before us  
-misrepresented Holy Scripture in order to dispossess indigenous inhabitants  
of their homes and sovereignty.

-laimed divine authority to take these lands;  
-used treaties as tools of imperial exploitation.

They forgot, but we must remember:

**The earth is Creator's,  
and everything in it –  
this world and all who live in it.**

We confess that as present-day residents  
of our precious Mother Earth,  
we have not been faithful stewards of her care  
nor of the circle of life and all our relations, human and non-human.  
All Creation calls us to remember:

**The earth is Creator's,  
and everything in it –  
this world and all who live in it.**

(Moment of Silence)

One: Let us pray together:

ALL: **On this day we come, seeking divine forgiveness  
and holding ourselves accountable  
to live in faithfulness and reconciliation  
for the sake of the earth and seven generations to**

Assurance of Grace

We believe in the Holy One, Maker of us all,  
who is faithful  
to forgive us, cleanse us and  
free us to walk in wholeness.

Friends, believe and accept the good news of Christ's peace:

**Justice, healing, joy!**

**Children's message:**

Sarah Pradhan

*(Deacons collect prayer cards)*

Halle, halle, hallelujah  
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**Hymn/Song** "Oceans" Ruth Burnell Gardner, soloist

**Scripture:** Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,  
**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Genesis 32:22-32 Pew Bible, p.

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

**Video** [Being Native American in the US - Video](#)

**Message** "Circle of Blessing" Rev. Dr. Todd Grant Yonkman

**Hymn/Song** "Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works" NCH#3

**Prayers of the People**

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayers.

**Disciple'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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Song** "We Are Dreaming"

We are Dreaming  
We are Dreaming  
(repeat)  
Dreaming of all that could be  
Dreaming of healing and peace  
We are dreaming  
Together

We are  
Learning (4x)  
Learning to love and let go  
Learning "good-bye" and "hello."  
We are learning together.

**We are  
Stronger (4x)  
Stronger than all that we own  
Stronger than standing alone  
We are stronger  
Together.**

**Charge and Blessing**

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

**Parting Song:**

**God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified below)  
God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**

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Prayers from General Synod 30, written by The Rev. Ann Jefferson, Pastor, and Director of Community Life and Pastoral Care, Pacific School of Religion and member of City of Refuge UCC in Oakland, CA.