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**Celebrating Our Indigenous Peoples**

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Prelude

Meditation Time

### GATHERING

Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness

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God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn....ELW # 641...'All Are Welcome' - vrs 1,3,5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
all can safely live a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain:* All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

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## Indigenous Creed

We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit, who called the world and all that is in it, into being, who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth, who created women and men and set them free to live in love, in obedience to the will of supreme love and in community with all.

We believe in Creator, Son and Brother, who, because of love beyond our understanding, love for creation, entered the world to share our humanity, to rejoice and to despair; to set before us the paths of life and death, and walk them with us; to be rejected and die, but finally to conquer death and bind the world to himself for all time.

We believe in Creator, In-Dwelling Spirit, who invites us into community, that we may through faith and that community of oneness, experience uplifting and sustaining grace; that we may fulfil our human responsibility to reach out to our neighbour, whoever that may be; that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation and the wondrous joy of life itself.

We believe in Creator, whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life; that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together, that choices are not clearly defined; but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose and only the true One can be our judge.

We believe in Creator, who is present and working in this world through all creation. Amen.

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## Prayers of Intercession

....."In faith-filled expectation".....**receive our prayer.**  
Creator God, you know our needs before we ask. Move us to action, send us your healing presence and give us strength for the week ahead. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

## SENDING

### Blessing

Ojibwa Prayer:

May you be strengthened by yesterday's rain,  
Walk straight in tomorrow's wind,  
And cherish each moment of the Sun today.  
**Amen.**

Closing Hymn... **W # 19** 'Peace Like a River'

- 1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul;  
*Repeat*
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;  
*Repeat*
- 3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;  
*Repeat*
- 4 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;  
*Repeat*

## GRACE

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,  
**in a world where so many are hungry,**  
**may we eat this food with humble hearts;**  
**in a world where so many are lonely,**  
**may we share this friendship with joyful hearts. Amen.**

Postlude.... 'Put Your Hand in the Hand'

**Refrain:**

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water  
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea  
Take a look at yourself, and you can look at others differently  
By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee

Every time I look into the Holy Book, I want to tremble (tremble)  
Or when I read about the part,  
where the carpenter cleared the temple (temple)  
For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas  
than what I profess to be  
And it causes me shame to know we're not the people  
we should be... So... *Refrain*

My mama taught me how to pray,  
Before I reached the age of seven  
She said, There'll come a time when  
there'll probably be room in Heaven  
But I'm feeling kinda guilty,  
'Bout the number of times to do what we must do  
But we forget what He said,  
When we figure that He'll still make room... So... *Refrain*

Everybody, come along  
Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water  
(who stilled the water)  
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea  
(who calmed the sea)  
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently  
By puttin' your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

#### **All Are Welcome**

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#### **Hallelujah**

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#### **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

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#### **Peace Like a River**

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Tune Name: Peace Like a River

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#### **Put Your Hand in the Hand**

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