



Centering bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

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“Improvisation”

Elizabeth Tomboulia

\*Call to Worship

“We Are All Related”

*Eastern Cherokee Prayer Tradition*

Shirley Mondragon

L: We share our stories.

**P: Each of us brings a unique story and gifts from the Creator.**

L: Our stories are about journeys of faith.

**P: We walk a path of righteousness.**

L: We share our path with all creation

**P: We are all related.**

\*Passing the Peace Among the Relatives

Ginny Hildebrand

\*Hymn

“Help us Accept Each Other”

UMH 560

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**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love  
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!



## A Celebration of United Women in Faith

### A Season of Prayer

A Litany of Confession      “Guide Us to Show Your Love”  
*Eastern Cherokee Prayer Tradition*

**L:** Creator, you have given us different shades of skin, eye colors and cultural traditions.

**P:** We regret stereotypes and past transgressions with sisters and brothers of other races.

L: You have given us a golden rule that too often we don't apply to culture and traditions.

**P: We fail our own beauty when we neglect the graces others offer us.**

*All: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus, Bringer of peace to all creation; forgive us when we do not please you and guide us to show your love through our words and deeds.*

L: Let us pray in quiet and open our hearts to God.

*Silent Prayer*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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 forever. Amen!**

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”

Chancel Choir  
with Gary Long

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)

Anne Tammaro

L: The word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Message

“Momes Komet – Keep Striving”

Gary Long



We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

Anne Tamarro

Elizabeth Tomboulia

“My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)”

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\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**Praise him all creatures here, below!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host!**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Anne Tamarro

“Help Us Be Upright”

*Anonymous*

**Oh Great Spirit, when we walk the path of beauty with sincerity, honesty, courage, and truthfulness, we are like the upright basket which can hold the fruits of harvest. We can receive and share the blessings abundantly. But when we have strayed from the beauty path and are not trustworthy, honest, or reliable, we are like the basket turned over. We cannot contain, receive or give of the many blessings of life. When we are upside down, we are empty and useless. Help us to always be upright, to receive and share the blessings of life. Amen.**

\*Song to Keep Striving

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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**Sent forth by God’s blessing our true faith confessing  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
Our service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

\*Sending Forth with Blessing

“We Are God’s Essence”

*Navajo Prayer Tradition*

L: God is before us

**P: God is behind us.**

L: God is above us.

**P: God is below us.**

L: God’s words shall come from our mouths.

**P: For we are God’s essence, a sign of God’s love.**

***All: All is finished in beauty! Amen!***

Music for Going Forth

“Woke Up This Morning”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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