

# The Federated Church of Paxton

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*A Special Service to Commemorate Native Americans*

## Sharing of News, Joys, and Concerns

### Meditative Prayer *(unison)*

*Look to this day,  
For yesterday is already a dream  
And tomorrow, only a vision.  
But today, well lived,  
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore to this day.*

### Prelude

#### \*Bringing in the Light of Christ

\*Opening Hymn      *"Morning Has Broken"*      RED #38

\*The Love of God, The Peace of Christ, the Communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you. Amen**

#### Call to Confession *(Responsively)*

"Our Way to Worship" By Igmo Tanka, Chief of Chicora Indian Tribe

One: When you came to our country, we gave you a hand  
and so in return, you took our Land

**All: You said that we were savage and that we had no god.  
Our way of worship was forbidden because you found it very  
odd.**

One: As the sun would rise, we would face the east  
To pray for all creation, from the birds to the beasts.

**All: To thank our creator for another sacred day  
Because all days are sacred if you worship the Native way.**

Assurance of Pardon      *"Gloria Patri"*

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm *(An Indian version on insert, in unison)*

Hymn      *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*      RED #66

### Investment of Time, Talents, and Treasures

#### Offertory

\*Hymn      *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* *(one verse)*      PH #306

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### Lectionary

Gospel      James 5:13-20

Message from *Native Plant Stories* Told by Joseph Bruchac

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Chinook Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Our Farther who dwells on high  
Good for our hearts your name  
Good, you chief of all people;  
Good your heart to make our country such as yours up above;  
Give us all days our food,  
And stop remembering all our sins we make to them,  
As we suppose not their sin against us;  
Throw far away from us all evil. Amen

Response      *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

\*Closing Hymn      *"This Is My Father's World"*      RED #485

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

Insert:

Reading of an Indian Version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm *(Unison)*

*The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is  
I am His and with Him I want not.  
He throws out to me a rope  
And the name of the rope is love  
And He draws me to where the grass is green*

*And the water is not dangerous,  
And I eat and lie down and am satisfied.  
Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down  
But He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.  
His name is WONDERFUL.*

*Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long time,  
He will draw me into a valley.  
It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not,  
For it is between those mountains  
That the Shepherd Chief will meet me  
And the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.*

*Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip'  
But afterwards He gives me a staff to lean upon.  
He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.  
He puts His had upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.  
My cup He fills 'til it runs over.  
What I tell is true.*

*I lie not.*

*These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me  
Through this life and after;  
And afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the  
SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.*