



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

October 11, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Prelude: *The Silver Rain (sung by Choir)*

Marianne Zimmerman

Opening Hymn: 382 *King of Glory (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Leader: The Spirit of God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts open to all people.

Congregation: **Let us worship God with minds open to the wisdom of Native peoples.**

Leader: Let us worship God who made the world in colors, in seasons, in endless variety;

Congregation: **who created the diversity of the earth's peoples in His image.**

We fill the font with living water

Song of Praise: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow
Praise Him all Creatures Here Below. Alleluia
Praise Ye above the Heavenly Hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Creator God, as we celebrate our Indigenous brothers and sisters this day, help us work toward a day when we will know and honor the history of Native peoples in this country as our own history. Open our eyes and ears and hearts that we might hear their stories. Keep us humble and deliver us from indifference. Guide us in your way of reconciliation and redemption. And help us remember always that in seeking the welfare of others, we will find our own. All this we ask in your Name.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Letter to the Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 635 *If thou but trust (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Silence will be commenced and ended with the ringing of a bell.

Profession of Faith

We put our trust in God, who creates all things,

who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,

who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We trust in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
the suffering one, the poor one,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
We trust in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We trust in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and moves among us today.
We trust in everlasting life in God,
and we look forward to that time
when all of creation will be gathered
in the embrace of God's expansive love.

Prayers of the People for Indigenous Peoples Day

Adopted from the Committee on Indian Relations for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Leader: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying *Lord, have mercy.*
For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees
from violence and all those seeking a home, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced, and who may have come to
this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even
fully understanding the harm that was being done, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose
paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for
reconciliation and healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, and in hope that the love of God can heal all broken
bonds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own
ancestry and those who once walked this land, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in
all Your forms for deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of
peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God
and that we belong to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Grant to the dying peace; give the departed eternal rest.

Congregation: **Uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.**

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: O God of mercy, we acknowledge that our brutal actions toward Indigenous people have resulted in suffering and harm to them, ourselves, and the earth. We bring before you the burdens of the past and the present when we have not followed your will.

Congregation: **Teach us and show us the way.**

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Creator God, God of every people and every tribe: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

Congregation: **We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We ask for your forgiveness and guidance.**

Celebrant: On this day of remembrance for Indigenous people, we acknowledge the great injustices perpetrated against those who lived on and cared for this land long before our ancestors arrived.

Congregation: **Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own; and in our own time for our complicity in systems that oppress our neighbors.**

Celebrant: We are all gathered within one sacred community of your holy love;

Congregation: **Guide us through your wisdom to see our common kinship.**

Celebrant: Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the whole human family.

Congregation: **Together we seek to heal the wounds, bind up the broken hearts, and live in your love that makes all things new.**

Celebrant: Creator 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace now, peace here, peace everywhere.

Peace to one and peace to all.

Peace among all nations, peace flowing from every heart.

Peace to wrap round the corner-less world

until peace becomes an embrace that will never let go.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 325 *Let us break bread (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God, whose Spirit moves over the deep. We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. You have filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you — for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in

remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries, reconcile us to your world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Celebrant: Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God ...

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.**

**May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 379 *God is love (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Abbot's Leigh*

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into all Creation,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**
Alleluia, alleluia.

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GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action

Justice for All

Indigenous Peoples' Day 2026

At the start of each Sunday service, we say together, "**We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice.**"

Looking forward to the Midterm elections on Tuesday, November 3, please do some research about Maine legislative and gubernatorial candidates and their support or lack thereof for the issues highlighted by the **Wabanaki Alliance of Maine**. Look up the candidates and their positions, and review the Wabanaki Alliance website (<https://wabanakialliance.com/>) for their endorsements and their legislative scorecard for the recent 2026 legislative session.

Did you know that St. Brendan is one of more than 300 organizations that are members of the **Wabanaki Alliance Tribal Coalition**?

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, October 12	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 13	1:00 p.m. Worship & Music Ministry (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. Legacy Evening and Potluck (<i>See Navigator for details</i>)
Wednesday, October 14	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Final session of a three-part series entitled <i>Using our own Stories to be Advocates for Peace and Justice</i> offered by The Rev. Alice Hildebrand 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, October 17	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday, October 18	9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation Garden 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Housewarming and Open House at Karen and Bruce Downs

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, October 28	10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presents a session entitled "Six Mystical Poets Sing about Creation".
Friday, October 30-- Thursday, November 5	8:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build
Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on Bishop Mariann Budde's book <i>How We Learn to be Brave</i>

King of glory, King of peace *The Hymnal 1982, #382*

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

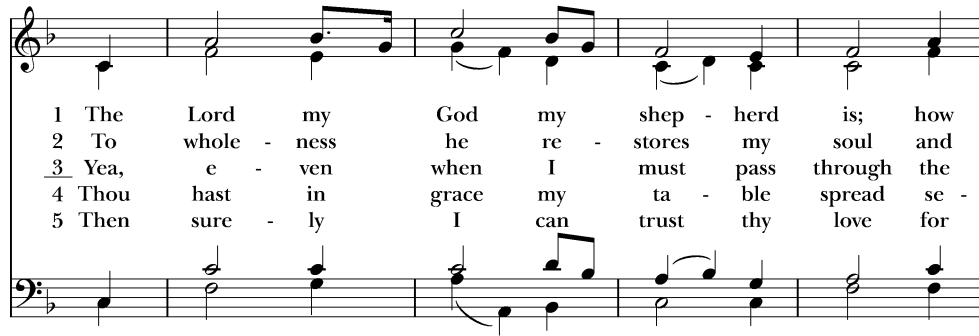
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Copyright © 1976, David Charles Walker.

The Lord my God my shepherd is *The Hymnal 1982, #663*



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy



1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of Psalm 23. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

If thou but trust in God to guide thee *The Hymnal 1982, #635*

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

Let us break bread together on our knees *The Hymnal 1982, #325*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

God is Love, let heaven adore him *The Hymnal 1982, #379*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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