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Centering

- Print out or pull up your Worship Guide
- Light a candle as a reminder of the light of Christ that connects us all
- Breathe deeply and remember that you are on holy ground
- Acknowledge the indigenous inhabitants of land on which you live

Land Acknowledgement

In this series, we honor that great cloud of witnesses who came before us, both in our own lives and in our family of faith. We also acknowledge the ancestors of the land on which we dwell and pray that the indigenous peoples who have survived to steward these lands for generations will continue to thrive in the future.

The Alaska United Methodist Conference is 164 years old. We have churches spreading from Nome to Unalaska, all across South central, the Kenai Peninsula, and down the panhandle. Our churches sit on the land of the Inupiaq, Yupik, Tanana, Koyukon, Dena'ina, Tlingit, Alutiiq, Aleut, and other indigenous peoples.

If you want to learn more about the land that you inhabit, please explore these resources:

- <https://native-land.ca>
- Bunnell Street resources:
<https://backtracks.fm/discover/s/artist-talks-bunnell/362f36ba2dbda951>

Opening Prayer

Thank you, God, for ancestors – the ancestors of this land, the ancestors of our families, and the ancestors of our faith. We are grateful for the lives and sacrifices of all the saints, and we are joyful that they surround us even today as a great cloud of witnesses cheering us on as we run this race. May we learn how to live wisely from their examples, their dedication, their faith, and their lives. **Amen.**

Opening Song

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte
MUSIC: W.H. Monk
CCLI Song #: 43190 / PD
CCLI # 11365960

Abide with Me

Ola Mullikin

Series Introduction: ANCESTORS

The final female ancestor named in Jesus' family tree is not a paternal relative but his own mother, Mary.

Scripture

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

The Love of Thousands

Pastor Lisa

Song of Response

Sanctuary

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
CCLI Song # 24140
CCLI # 11365960

Time of Gratitude

Shawnie Olson

We honor the saints of our lives.

Lord's Prayer

Alan Olson

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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Benediction

May God, who has given us in the lives of the saints patterns of holy living, strengthen your trust and devotion so you may live faithfully through all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

ARR: Gary Lanier

CCLI Song #: 7158486

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Then Sings My Soul

Lucy Kunkler & Marge Dunn