

WORSHIP NOTES

Musician: Rev. Gary Jacabella, Treasurer CoNAM

From the earliest days of the Church, Christian worshipers saw the rising of the sun and lighting of the evening lamps as symbolic of Christ's victory over death. Additional hours of the day were also designated as significant moments of celebrating Christ's presence in the world. While this is a service drawn from United Methodist resources, *The Orders of Daily Praise and Prayer* enables all Christians to celebrate daily the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These services traditionally, following an ancient pattern of congregational prayer, focus upon the praise of God and prayer for God's creation rather than the proclaiming of the Word. Each order reflects a simple yet flexible pattern. Scripture and Silence are optional. Daily prayer may begin in the already existing gatherings of persons in the congregation. Laity are encouraged to lead these services. Families may also choose to adapt these services for use in homes. These orders may be used on any occasion when Christians gather, but they are not adequate substitutes for the full Sunday Service of Word and Table.

¹based on : The United Methodist Church, General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Book of Worship Committee, *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992), VI. Daily Praise and Prayer.

²Ojibway Prayer, Clark, Susan J. *Celebrating Earth Holy Days: A Resource Guide for Faith Communities*. New York: Crossroad Pub Co, 1992.

³ Sung to "For the Beauty of the Earth" Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1838, in chorale *Treuer Heiland*, Text: Copyright © 2016 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used with permission.

⁴ Sung to "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1861, Text: Copyright © 2017 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Permission is given for free use of this hymn to Standing Rock supporters and all others who seek to care for creation.

⁵ Adapted from A Prayer of Gratitude, Clark, Susan J. *Celebrating Earth Holy Days: A Resource Guide for Faith Communities*. New York: Crossroad Pub Co, 1992.

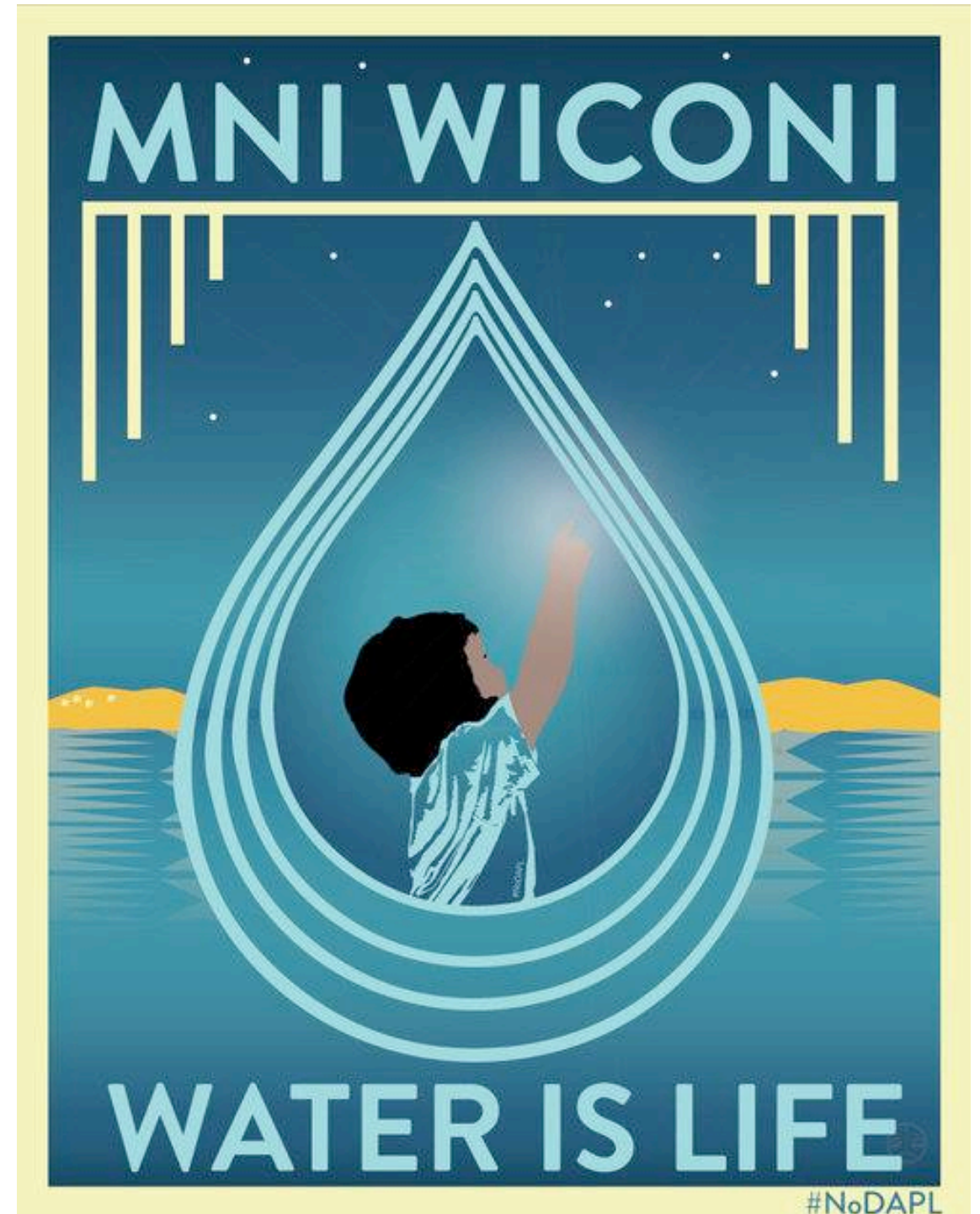
⁶ Adapted by Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, from Duck, Ruth C., and Patricia Wilson-Kastner. "An Order for Christian Baptism" in *Praising God: The Trinity in Christian Worship*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999, United Methodist Native American Ministry Sunday resources. GBOD, 2002, John Wesley, *The Great Privilege of Those That Are Born of God*, and Rite of Solidarity with Standing Rock used in Eden Theological Seminary Chapel, Oct. 10 2016, as adapted from a rite by Rev. Mike Mulberry, Billings, Montana.

⁷ Sung to "The Day of Resurrection", Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1835, Text: Copyright © 1998 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used with Permission.

⁸ Adapted from "For Standing Rock: A Commission", by Maren Tirabassi used in Eden Theological Seminary Chapel, Oct. 10 2016.

⁹ Sung to "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 , Text: Copyright © 2017 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Permission is given for free use of this hymn to Standing Rock supporters and all others who seek to care for creation.

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Eastern PA UMC CoNAM
*Water is Life*¹ April 30, 2017

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO PRAYER²

Sherry Wack, CoNAM member

ALL: Grandfather, Look at our brokenness.

One: We know that in all creation

**Many: Only the human family
has strayed from the Sacred Way.**

One: We know that we are the ones
who are divided

**Many: And we are the ones
who must come back together
to walk in the Sacred Way.**

One: Grandfather,
Sacred One,

Many: Teach us love, compassion, and honor.

One: That we may heal the Earth,

Many: And heal each other.

*OPENING HYMN

"By the Streams of Babylon"³

(verses 1, 3, 4)

By the streams of Babylon we sit weeping bitter tears.
Here so many hopes are gone; now we're filled with countless fears.
Yet, O God, you tell us: "Rise! See the world through faith-filled eyes!"

By your grace, we'll rise above even in this troubled hour.
Where there's hate, we'll choose to love; we will speak your truth to power.
With the poor and refugee we will build community.

We will pray for those who lead even as we take a stand.
We will rise with those in need, seeking justice in the land.
We will learn and listen well from the truth that others tell.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:6-8

Sandi Cianciulli, Emeritus CoNAM member & immediate past Chairperson

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*CLOSING HYMN

"We Were Born Out of the Waters"⁹

We were born out of the waters that give life to all the earth.
We were made God's sons and daughters at the font of our rebirth.
Every day, God's waters bless us! We are nourished and renewed;
For the waters that surround us give us life and health and food.

Just as rivers join each other, all creation joins in song.
All of nature works together, bold and beautiful and strong.
Fish that fill a flowing river, springs of water from below
Daily point us to the Giver from whom blessings overflow.

God, we hear the troubling thunder of the shouts of "Profit first!"
Land and streams are torn asunder till creation cries in thirst.
God, we thirst for healthy waters and for justice for the land,
As your faithful sons and daughters, may we rise to take a stand.

God who made the whole creation, with its rivers, fields and streams,
You have given us a vision of what caring for them means.
May we care for all your waters, for your land, for sky above;
May we serve you as protectors of this world that you so love.

*THE PEACE

renewing love that flows through us all. All Glory be to you, Fountain of life, Living Water, Spirit of New Life, now and forever one God. Amen.

Unison: Amen

***COME TO THE WATER**

One: As we stand on ground
surrounded by the waters of the Schuylkill river and the Perkiomen creek,
May we come to the water remembering our baptism.
May we come to the water delighting in the feeling of it on our skin.
We affirm our sacred covenant to creation,
our common ancestry with humanity,
and the truth that water is life. Amen!

***HYMN FOR REMEMBERING Creator Of the Water⁷ (verses 1 & 4)**

As we sing please come forward as you are led by the Spirit and dip your hands into the refreshing waters, remembering your calling to the sacred work of justice. You may take a shell as a sign for you in future days.

Creator of the water that makes the world so green,
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

***BLESSING⁸**

Rev. Christopher Kurien, CoNAM member & Conference Staff Liaison

Go, therefore, among the many nations whom God loves, and standing on their own ground not on yours, remember to recognize the holiness of water.
And let us re-dedicate ourselves to learn with each other how Jesus walked on the earth with justice and compassion, with healing and with hope.

Welcome to our Speakers

Barbara Christy, Chairperson CoNAM

Lancaster County Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Resistance Movement

Rev. Malinda Clatterbuck and Tim Spiese WEARELANCASTERCOUNTY.org

SUNG RESPONSE "O God of Life, Your Waters Flow"⁴

O God of life, your waters flow
And make all life on earth to grow.
Your springs rise up and rains fall down
On fertile field and sandy ground.

Refrain:

May we be wise to know the worth
Of clean, clear rivers, sky and earth.
May all your children take a stand,
Protecting water, tending land.

Yet greed can rise up to destroy
The things you give us to enjoy.
This world too often won't respect
The things you call us to protect.

Refrain

May justice roll like waters down
And streams of righteousness abound.
May we push on and never cease
To stand for justice, truth and peace.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Verna Colliver, Secretary CoNAM

ONE: We rejoice in all life.
We live in all things.
All things live in God

We live by the sun.
We move by the stars.
We are created by the Creator.

We eat from the Earth.
We drink from the rain.
We breathe from the Spirit.
We follow the Holy One, Jesus.
We share in the caring.
We share in Love's bearing.
We are graceful.
We are grateful.
And so we pray
Jesus' prayer each in our own way.⁵

UNISON: Jesus' Prayer
(the Lord's Prayer according to your own tradition and language)

A REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SACRED CALLING BY THE
SOURCE OF ALL LIFE⁶

Rev. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, CoNAM member & Robert Hinderliter, CoNAM member

INVITATION

One: We come to the waters of baptism, a visible sign of divine love at work in human lives. In baptism, the Eternal One, who created us, claims us for holy living. In baptism, we are joined to Jesus Christ and one another in living and dying. In remembering our baptism, the Spirit of God, refreshes us for ministry making us signs of divine love for the whole creation. For those of us who are not of the Christian faith or may not be baptized I invite you to come to the water as a sacred source of life to experience spiritual refreshment.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: God, the Creator of All Time and Space, be with you.

Unison: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Breath of Every Living Being, we give thanks that you invite us to join with you, that your same breath that comes to us, returns to you. As it is continuously received so it is rendered back in love, prayer, praise and thanksgiving; forming and reforming us as part of a sacred circle in which there is no beginning and no end, only ever-receiving, and ever-giving.

When you created earth, sky, and water, your Spirit brooded over creation, hovering over the sea like a mighty bird. When waters flooded the earth, you set a rainbow in the sky and made covenant with human beings, to bring not destruction but new life. You provided water in the desert, arranged chance meetings at wells, and poured water from rocks so that women and men might continue to live.

Many years passed and by the streams of the Jordan your child, Jesus came to be baptized by John. You declared Jesus to be your beloved and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, empowering him to face injustice and to minister with love. Jesus called the disciples to share in this ministry, gathering all the nations to be reconciled to one another and to God.

One:

In Christian tradition,
the waters of Baptism remind us of our connection to all things:
We come from water,
and live in communion with plant, animal, earth, water, and air.

Many:

Water is life. It purifies, quenches, cleans, brings about renewal and transformation.

It washes away all that divides us, so that we might know our common ancestry.

We are one with all creation, with each other, and with all the water protectors around the world.

One:

The impact of what happens among the Lakota, Nakota, Dakota
and all the other tribal nations happens to us all.

Many:

We belong to each other.

We covenant today to help protect the waters of this land, and this earth.

We will also speak and act, that death may not overtake our Native sisters and brothers.

ONE:

As we, gather at the water that woos and washes, where deep calls to deep, and stirs something within us. Creator, pour out your Holy Spirit once again; bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to remind us of our baptism that we might drink of the living water Christ offers and delight in your mystery all our days. To find in these waters the