



July 19, 2026 | 10:00am

Code Talkers

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC | *Coyotes from Emergence* by Connor Chee | Susan Carroll, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Erica Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Every nation has its stories.

All: Stories that shape who we are.

One: This summer, we explore the stories of U.S.

All: And we seek the larger story of God.

One: Today we gather on holy ground, remembering that long before borders were drawn, this land was cared for by Indigenous peoples whose wisdom has endured through generations.

All: We give thanks for those who listened deeply—to the Creator, to the land, to their ancestors, and to one another.

One: We remember the Indigenous Code Talkers, whose sacred languages became instruments of courage, protecting others in a time of war.

All: What some sought to silence, God used to bring hope and life.

One: Today we honor the strength of cultures that refused to disappear, the resilience of languages that still carry stories, prayers, and identity.

All: May we become people who listen before we speak, who learn before we judge, and who honor the wisdom entrusted to every people.

One: The rivers teach us to keep moving. The forests teach us that many lives flourish together. The sky reminds us of God's boundless presence.

All: Creator God, open our eyes to the beauty around us and our hearts to the voices we have too often overlooked.

One: Let us worship the One whose Spirit speaks in every language, whose image is reflected in every people, and whose love calls us into truth, justice, and peace.

All: With grateful hearts, we come to worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #265** | *Many and Great, O God*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

STORIES OF U.S. | *Code Talkers*

OFFERTORY | *Jesus Love Me* by William Bradbury | Jack Pott, soloist

English: Jesus Loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he uis strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.

Cherokee: Tsisa a ki ke yu ha, Koh wel a khi no hih se. Tsu nah sti ka Tsu tse se, u hli ni ki tih ye hno. Tsis a ki ke yu. Tsis a ki ke yu. Tsis a ki ke yu, a khi no hih se ho.

Muscogee (Creek): Cesvs vc vnokeces, Cokv-rakkot cv kices. Hopuetvke enaket's, Yekcvkekis emt yekes. Vc vnokeces. Vc vnokeces. Vc vnokeces, Nakcokvt cv kices.

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE | *Luke 19:36-40*

SERMON | *Stories of U.S.: The Great Mystery Cannot Be Silenced* | Rev. Erica Thompson

GIFT OF MUSIC | *May the Warm Winds of Heaven, Traditional Cherokee Prayer, music by Sally Ahner* | Jack Pott, soloist
May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on your house. May the great spirit bless all who enter here.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Navajo Vocabale No. 1* by Connor Chee | Susan Carroll, piano

**Please rise on your feet or in your heart.*