



Aboriginal Sunday

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Importance of Aboriginal Sunday:

- June is Aboriginal Awareness Month
- The church's in Canada have a large role to play in history of destroying Aboriginal cultural
- It is important for us to know our history



Sweetgrass and Candle

Lyrics by: John Wesley Oldham

Music by: Rachel Landrecht
Arranged by: Neil Weisensel

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Sweet-grass and Can-die, the peace pipe and bi-ble, the
Join in the cir-cle that will have no end-ing, for
Frame Drum

sto-ries of eld-ers, and beat of the drum;
we are all e-qual and loved in God's sight.

these are the sym-bols of hope, faith and jus-tice. We
Praise the Great Spir-it! We gath-er as fam-ily to

gath-er in cir-cle, af-firm-ing we're one
sing of Love's free-dom and dance with de-light.

Wel-come the stran-ger for he is our bro-ther and
she is our sis-ter of Mo-ther Earth.

Care for cre-a-tion for all life is sac-red and
we are u-nit-ed by vi-sion's re-birth

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.



These stories, like these stones, will change with time. We do not know what this stone will look like 100 years from now, but we know that it will still be here. By attaching a story to the stone, by sharing the story with others, we affirm that the story will live beyond us.





Reconciliation is:

- a journey (not a goal or final destination)
- complex (you cannot authentically begin a reconciliation process without examining all the factors involved)
- personal (and often painful)
- a part of living faithfully



Reconciliation requires:

- trust
- truth-telling
- relationships
- a life-long commitment
- time





Prayer:

God forgives, and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles, and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.



Closing:
Blessing
Next Week

