

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of sunshine, God of cool lakes,
God of summer breezes, and campfire light, and vast skies of stars,
We give you thanks for your beautiful creation.
God of community, God of connectivity,
God of laughter, and song, and love,
We give you thanks for opportunities to gather as your people,
many parts, but one body.
We thank you for your love for us; the love that we in turn share with one another.
Guide us in your love and the spirit of creation
so that we might be examples for others to follow.

Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories.
Be with us in this time of singing and imagining.
Be with us in this time of gathering and discovering,
guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you.

God, we love your creation,
yet sometimes we refuse to care enough for it.
We love our neighbours as you have taught us,
yet sometimes we hurt them or refuse to allow our differences to transform us.
Your love for us surrounds us in every way,
yet sometimes we fail to acknowledge it.
Out of your timeless greatness, dear God,
please keep loving and forgiving us.
Guide us to do, say, and think according to your will.
Guide us to live in respectful relationship with creation.
Through Christ's example we remember that
we are nothing without one another.
And we are all loved, accepted, and invited by you.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying,
Our Father... Amen.