

Litany of the four directions adapted from the work of Rev. Marlene White Rabbit-Helgemo,
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The drum in the back of the Chapel/Sanctuary will be used to give 4 drum beats after each section of the prayer. We invite you to use your hand over your heart to share in the drumming

CALL TO THE BLESSED COMMUNITY & GATHERING PRAYER

Creator, God as relatives of the community we are brought together to celebrate our lives in your love.

Let us remember all of our relatives, past and present winged and four-legged and all creation.

Four Drumbeats

As we face the East, it is the time of the beginnings.

With the rising of the sun, the birth of a child, the start of the week, we begin anew. We remember that with the springtime comes the blossoming of the plants and the birth of animals as we celebrate the emerging patterns of life. We hear the drum beat, the heart of the Mother Earth.

We give thanks for our birth, this time of exploration and creation.

Four Drumbeats

As we face the South, we celebrate and acknowledge our emotion. We recognize the strengths and struggles of our youth. Help us share our laughter, love, and joy as we walk through the day in our world of diversity. In this time of growing we hear the drum beat.

We give thanks for the gifts of tenderness, kindness, and understanding for these draw us closer to each other and to you our Creator.

Four Drumbeats

As we face the West, we celebrate Spirit. This time of reflection and of stillness for the depth of our growth and courage. Bring

together the patterns of life and our emotions with the Spirit in whom we are led to greater integrity and faith. As we reap the harvest, we hear the drum beat.

As the sun moves along its path in the sky we bring closure to those who have walked on. We remember and reflect on the experiences of the day. We give thanks for this time of refection and remembrance.

Four Drumbeats

As we face North, we celebrate the life of oldest of our generations. For the gifts of insight and wisdom that God has revealed to them out of their past which are so vital to us in our present we give thanks. In every way we take the opportunities to listen to the stories across all the generations, we hear the drum beat.

As we listen and share, we build respect for each other. We give thanks for the strengths of the community.

Four Drumbeats

As we continue the circle of the year and the circles of Life itself, we are united in the love of God. As we look down to the Earth, we are reminded of the care and provision.

As we look upward to the sky, we are reminded of the limitless gift of grace.

We listen for the drum beat and are reminded that as we move through our lives we impact all around us. We are reminded of our responsibility to nurture those around us from the four directions and the ground below, and the sky above.



Four Drumbeats