GATHERING PRAYER

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
As Gospel Based Disciples we commit:

1. To regularly engage the Gospel
2. To take seriously our own spiritual formation
3. To nurture and foster the spiritual formation of others
4. To live the Baptismal Covenant
5. To live as a community of disciples
6. To foster reconciliation, healing, and vision
7. To pray and worship regularly
8. To respect the spiritual traditions, values and customs of our many peoples
9. To take full responsibility for our local ministries

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

1. What word(s), idea(s) or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day. (Reread the Gospel.)
2. What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? (Reread the Gospel.)
3. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Individual and/or Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)
**APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and  
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

**RULE OF LIFE**

Creator God we acknowledge and give  
thanks that:  
In Jesus we know we belong to a Sacred  
Circle with the Gospel and Baptismal  
Covenant in the Center.  
In this Sacred Circle:  
We are all related;  
We live a compassionate and  
generous life;  
We respect all life, traditions, and  
resources;  
We commit ourselves to spiritual  
growth, discipleship, and  
consensus.