

# Many Paths One Presence

A Celebration of Unity through Diversity

Unity Church of Dallas  
Sundays at 9 am  
April 29-June 24, 2007  
Rev. Ed Townley

Sunday, May 6, 2007

## ***The Sacred All around Us***

Native American Spirituality

Cornell Kinderknecht, flutist

The Singing Unity Choir

*Neil Mowles, Director*

Bob Goodwin Trio

*“The Creator above is the Great Spirit, and the Great Mystery. His gifts are plentiful; therefore I want not. He holds out a branch of love and protection; and He draws me to where the ground is undisturbed, the air is pure, and the water is clear and clean enough to give life. I walk, I breathe, I feed, and I am pleased. The times when my heart is weak, and my circle is out of balance, He lifts me up again and draws me to the road, for He is strength and wisdom.”*

— The Twenty-third Psalm, as expressed  
by the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

## “Oh Great Spirit,

Whose voice I hear in the wind,  
Whose breath gives life to all the world,  
Hear me!  
I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty,  
And make my eyes ever behold  
the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made,  
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise, so that I may understand  
The things you have taught my people.  
Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all  
that comes toward me.  
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf  
and rock.  
Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention  
of helping others.  
Help me find compassion, without empathy  
overwhelming me.

I seek strength – not to be greater than my brother,  
But to fight my greatest enemy,  
Myself.

Make me always ready to  
come to you  
With clean hands and straight  
eyes.  
So when life fades, as the  
fading sunset,  
My spirit may come to you  
without shame.”

— *Prayer of the  
Ojibwa People*



The Love Of Red Bear And Feather Cloud  
Myth From The Paiute Tribe - Western Range Region  
Painting by Richard Hook and taken from web site  
<http://www.firstpeople.us/pictures/Myths/native-american-indian-myths-32.html>