

## A Prayer to Say Together:

Prayer by Reverend Mark Pettis, UCC



God, there are so many stories about people who love you and follow you, help us learn from them and be with us as we make our own choices.

Connect us all in Your love.

Amen.

## Activity Page Instructions:

Today's activity page goes down deep--roots! Think about the people who support you and help you grow. Write their names in the roots, or draw them around the roots. You might draw things that remind you of them if that is easier. You are invited to work together as a family to decorate it, or print additional copies at:

[www.generalsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Draft-Day-3.pdf](http://www.generalsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Draft-Day-3.pdf)

Mural Instructions: We encourage you to combine this activity with the last 2 weeks activities along with next's weeks to create a mural. If you are creating a mural from sessions 1-4 activities, cut out the roots from this week's activity and add them to the roots of your tree (logo).

*To make a mural, get a poster board that you can add them all to or pick a wall or bulletin board you can post to.*

*Don't forget to share your creativity online with #RootedInLove!*

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General Synod Children's Devotion

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*General Synod 33 was July 11<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the second children's Devotion out of a series of 10 from that special week.*

## Welcome

Welcome to our special time with God and each other. My name is Isabelle. And today we're going to talk about people that help us grow. Just like lots of plants have deep roots that help them grow and stand strong, God sends special people into our lives that help us grow and learn about God's love. So now it's time to dig in. Here we go!

## Verse of the Day



On the day the Lord God made earth and sky—before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human beings to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land—the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into its nostrils. The human came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human.

(Genesis 2:4-7, CEB)

## Today's Reflection

By Reverend Cisa Payuyo  
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⚡ Watch the video version instead which includes special music at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/564680328> ⚡



Can you imagine God having hands?  
Would they be wrinkly, calloused, or soft?  
Can you imagine God playing in the sand at  
the ocean or in your playground?  
Can you imagine what God imagined?

God looked at the earth like play-doh and imagined a person. God reached down into the dirt and created a person. A person just like me and you and your family and your community.

Can you imagine God with a nose?  
Would it be long or short? Would it wrinkle?  
Can you imagine God opening a mouth to blow—  
to blow a whistle maybe?  
Can you imagine what God did?

God filled the first person with breath and brought them to life. God fills all people with that same Spirit from the first till today.

Can you imagine that each breath you take is sharing God's breath?  
Can you imagine that each breath you take is sending God's Spirit?

I wonder who sends God's Spirit to you. I wonder who's taught you about God. I wonder who you will teach about God.

## Praising God Together

Music adapted by Lamar Lubin, UCC.  
Sung by Kristin and Laura Young, UCC.

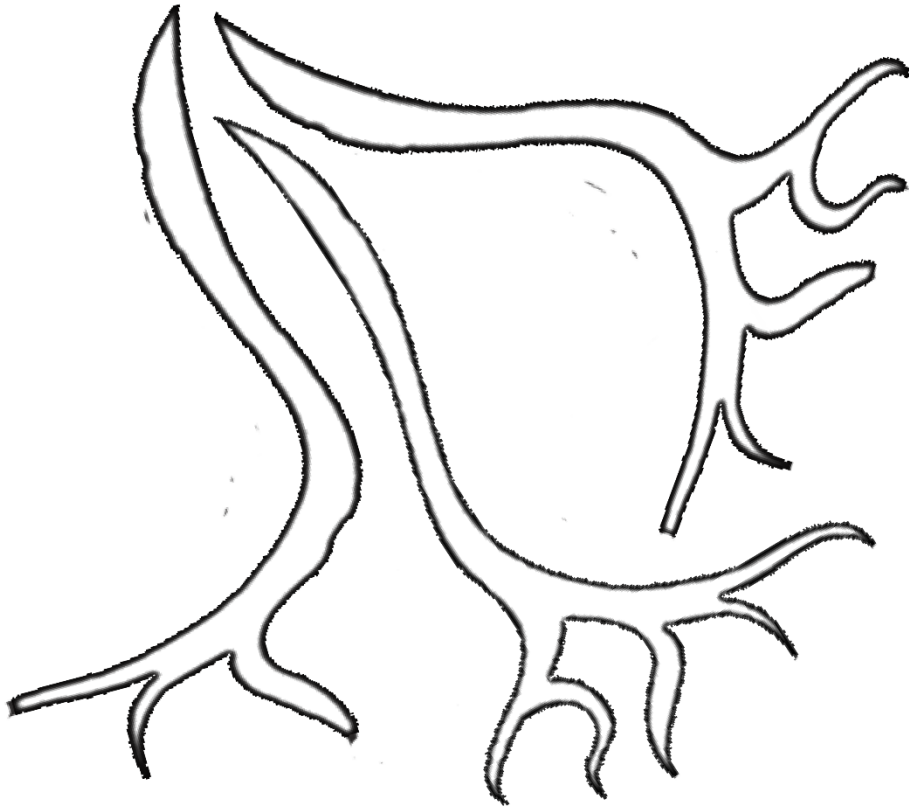


This is the day,  
This is the day, that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,  
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,  
And be glad in it.

This is the day, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,  
This is the day that the Lord has made.



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