“God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:10, NRSV

Today we will talk about the importance of water.

Where can we find water in our area? (Allow time for answers.)

Native American people remind us that water is life. According to a Lenape saying, “if there is no water, there is no tomorrow.” Some Native American people call themselves “Water Protectors.”

Why is this gift of water so important? Why do you think it is so good? (Allow time for answers.)

If there is no water, there is no tomorrow. Water is life. Water is medicine. The waters that God gathered together were called seas. And God saw that it was good.

What are some ways in which we can be water protectors? (Allow time for answers.)

Do you have a prayer that we could offer for the water? For this medicine? For this good gift that God has given us? What do you think we should pray for it?

Now let’s stand in a circle. I will pass around this bowl of water and ask each of you to say a prayer for the water as you hold it. Amen.

Now let’s pour the water outside in the garden (or whatever other outdoor space you have).

Pray:
Creator, thank you for water. Remind us to cherish and protect this gift from you. As the water returns to the earth, allow it to provide nourishment through its healing power. (List some of the other prayers that were named earlier.)

Thank you for the Native Americans who remind us to care for your creation. Help us to be water protectors. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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