

Native American Tapestry 2003



Native American Prayer

Oh great Spirit of our Ancestors,
I raise my pipe to you,
To your messengers the four winds,
And to Mother Earth
Who provides for your children
To love, to respect, and to be kind to each other,
so that they may grow with peace of mind.
Let us learn to share all good things
That you provide for us on this Earth.



The intention of this tapestry is to honor the first peoples of the Americas by focusing on common themes that are integral to their way of life and their spiritual paths. Represented in this tapestry are our oneness with Earth, with all life, and with one-another; the four directions and the cycles of seasons, time and life. The hands at the four directions of the drum were inspired by the following chant by Thunder Woman:

Into the silence of the night
Into the silence of the moon
I am making my dreams come true

Wherever possible natural materials were used, including the dried iris leaves braided to create the border around the drum. These leaves were harvested from our home place, the gardens of this church.