

Celtic Worship



The **bodhrán** is a frame drum of Irish origin. A goatskin head is tacked to one side (synthetic heads or other animal skins are sometimes used). The other side is open-ended for one hand to be placed against the inside of the drumhead to control the pitch and timbre. One or two crossbars, sometimes removable, may be inside. The bodhrán is considered to be the native drum of the ancient Celts and was possibly used originally for winnowing or wool dyeing, with a musical history that predated Christianity, native to southwest Ireland. It is also called a poor man's tambourine.

*Embracing the example of Jesus,
our welcome knows no boundaries
and is extended to ALL people.*

Sunday, May 19, 2024

*Welcome to worship!
If you are worshipping at home, and would like to participate in
Holy Communion,
please have bread and wine or juice set aside.*

*The flowers for today's service are given in memory of Ken Matze on his
birthday*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter Hill
Keith Parkhouse
(has set the table)

We gather at God's feast. We listen to Holy Scripture. We hear music that connects our hearts. We are fed the nurturing grace of God through the brokenness and poured out life of Jesus the Christ. The table is set. All are welcome.

BODHRAN CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Rusty Deyerle

The God who has searched us and knows us,
who is acquainted with all our ways,
that God calls us each by name.

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

The God who liberated slaves from Egypt,
the Lord of the Sabbath who bids us rest,
that God empowers us
to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!

Let us sing aloud to God, our strength,
and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Holy, triune God, we confess
that we have not lived for your glory.
You call us to love and serve you,
but we do not heed your voice.
You offer us restoration in Christ,
but we turn away from your good gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Reveal the treasure of heavenly life
hidden in our fragile human hearts,
so that your love may shine in us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

BAPTISMAL WATERS

Rusty Deyerle
Nancy Parkhouse

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.
We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we
too might walk in newness of life.

(Water is poured into the font.)

PRELUDE

“Send Us Your Spirit”

Dan Schutte

Spirit, by Andrea Skevington

How would it feel, then, to live
in that God-shaken house?
To feel the wind,
like the very breath of life,
like the stirring of the
deep before time,
gusting through these small
daily rooms, clattering and pressing
against doors and shutters,
not to be contained?

How would it feel to look up, eyes
dried by wind-force,
and see fire falling, flames bright
and crackling, and resting with
heat that does not burn on each
wondrous head?
To be blown open
lock-sprung
lifted
with wild reckless joy
as words tumble out into
the clear singing light?

It would feel like this,
it feels like this,
and it is still only morning.

~ moment of silence ~

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (from *The Message*)

¹⁻² GOD grabbed me. GOD's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them—a lot of bones! There were bones all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun.

³ He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Master GOD, only you know that.”

⁴ He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones: ‘Dry bones, listen to the Message of GOD!’”

⁵⁻⁶ GOD, the Master, told the dry bones, “Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am GOD!”

⁷⁻⁸ I prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.

⁹ He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, ‘GOD, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!’”

¹⁰ So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.

¹¹ Then God said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: ‘Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.’”

¹²⁻¹⁴ “Therefore, prophesy. Tell them, ‘GOD, the Master, says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am GOD. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am GOD. I've said it and I'll do it. GOD's Decree.’”

Acts 2:1-4

1-4 When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Hunter Hill

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Breathe on me Breath of God”

Reawaken Hymns

holY COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Hunter Hill

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
You seek us out and call to us;
you give us vision and purpose;
you strengthen us to respond: Here I am.
Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS (please see the screen)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Jesus is the Lord of the sabbath—
he has the power to feed and heal us,
and to raise us up from death to life.
The words of institution are included here.
Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Help us to proclaim the life of Christ
and to share the treasure of your grace,
that all may know your goodness and glory.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we call on the name of the Lord, saying:

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

We pray for the church . . .
Let the life of Christ be visible in our lives
so all will know the light of your glory
and praise Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

We pray for the world . . .
Liberate those who are oppressed
so they may enjoy the freedom
and fullness of life that is found in you.

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

We pray for this community . . .
Strengthen us to feed those who are hungry,
offer help and healing to those who suffer,
and seek the common good in all things.

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

We pray for loved ones . . .
Comfort those who are afflicted,
deliver those who are persecuted,
lift up those who are struck down.

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power
in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives,
so all will know that you are at work among us;
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever.

Let us now pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

*After we receive the bread and the cup,
let us hold the cup and drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.
God our Mother, you have fed with your grace.
Now send us out into your beloved world
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.
Blessing and honor and glory to you,
holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

Rusty Deyerle

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights here that
represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.
**But we will carry the light in our hearts,
and we pray that as we go about our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God.**

BLESSING

Hunter Hill

OFFERING

It is appropriate to respond to God with our time, talents, and money.
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WORSHIP NOTES

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Flutists-Outdoor/Midday Prayer Service: Allen Burris, Deb Saidel, Myrick Crampton

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio: Joe Sarver, Ross Riddell, Bruce Sullivan

PRELUDE "Send Us Your Spirit," Dan Schutte <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEgm1Bt2Urc>

IMAGINATIVE WORD "Spirit," by Andrea Skevington

<https://andreaskevington.com/2019/05/31/poem-for-pentecost-and-some-readings/>

SPECIAL MUSIC "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," Reawaken Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfYLqnjnOZM>

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THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 19 – PENTECOST SUNDAY (Wear red!)

- 8:30 AM – Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 9:45 AM – Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) – in-person
- 9:45 AM – Adult Class – “The Devil You Say” – in-person (*led by Norma Smith*)
- 9:45 AM – Orff for Kidz – in-person (*led by Maya Collins*)
- 11:00 AM – Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:00 PM – Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM – Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM – Jazz Vespers Fellowship – in-person
- 7:30 PM – River City Players Rehearsal

MONDAY MAY 20

- 11:00 AM – Coffee & Scripture – Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM – Creative Expressions – in-person (*Sandra O’Neill*)
- 6:30 PM – River City Players Rehearsal

TUESDAY MAY 21

- 11:55 AM – Ukelele Group – in-person (*Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM – Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge – in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)
- 7:00 PM – River City Players Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

- 12:30 PM – Midday Prayer (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 7:00 PM – Writer’s Circle – in-person (*led by Russ Kerr*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

THURSDAY MAY 23

- 9:30 AM – Tai Chi – in-person (*Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM – Chair Yoga – in-person (*Robin Ricketts*)
- 5:30 PM – Handbell Practice
- 7:30 PM – River City Players Rehearsal

SUNDAY MAY 26 – CENTSABILITY SUNDAY

Please note: services will not be streamed for this Sunday only; Facebook and Zoom will resume on June 2

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- 9:45 AM – Adult Class – “The Devil You Say” – in-person (*led by Norma Smith*)
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