

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, July 14, 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 this morning are given by Barbi Davis
in honor of her grandson Aidan's first birthday*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet James
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

Delight of the Ages,
every moment, we have the chance
to breathe in your goodness and grace;
every hour, we have opportunities
to share your love and hope;
every day, we have occasions
to rest in the comfort of your heart.
In you, we discover the fullness of time.

Companion of our days,
in every challenge we face,
we can find the strength to persevere;
in every person we meet,
we can find the blessing you have sent;
in every need we encounter,
we can find the help you would have us offer.
In you, we discover the fullness of life.

Promised Spirit,
in every conflict of our lives,
there is your healing we can offer;
in every brokenness we experience,
there is that reconciliation we can receive;
in every difficulty which makes us stumble,
there is that dance of hope you would teach us.
In you, we discover the fullness of faith.

God in Community, Holy in One,
it is in you we discover the fullness we long for. **Amen.**

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn # 307

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

“The Cure at Troy,” excerpt
Sophocles, 496-405 BCE

Human beings suffer,
they torture one another,
they get hurt and get hard.

History says, Don't hope
on this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
the longed for tidal wave
of justice can rise up,
and hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
on the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
and cures and healing wells.

~ moment of silence ~

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” ²³And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.”

²⁴She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Janet James

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

written by Helen Lemmel

holy communion

The Rev. Janet James

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Gathering up all that is good and beautiful,
God of all wonder and glory,
you shaped the universe and all that is in it.

It was your good pleasure
to create us in your image;
it was your glorious grace
that filled us with your life.
Yet we turned from you
and followed the ways of sin and death.

Deeply grieved by our rebellion,
you sent the company of prophets
to lead us back to your heart,
but we continued to dance
with the wrong partners.
In the fullness of your wisdom,
you sent Jesus, to seek our faces,
and to turn us back to you.

So now, with those who praise you
with song and silence, with tambourines and organs,
we proclaim the riches of your grace:

SANCTUS (please see the screen)

Holy indeed are you, God of every blessing,
and blameless is Jesus Christ, your Beloved.
He sets free all imprisoned
by their fears, as well as their past.
He proclaims good news to the poor,
and challenges the rich to generous lives.
He gave himself into death's hands
and was laid into a cold tomb.
He leaped from the grave,
teaching us resurrection's dance.

We offer our songs of joy to you, knowing
that whenever we eat the bread and share the cup,
we live out that mystery we call faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
as you gather us all in this place.

As we take and taste
the Bread of Heaven,
may its brokenness become our healing,
that we may become hope
to a world shattered by fear.

As we share the Cup,
may its grace become our fullness,
that we might empty ourselves
to become blessings to those who long
for peace and reconciliation in their lives.

And when all time has been fulfilled
and you gather up all your children to yourself,
with clean hands and pure hearts
we will gather around your Table in glory,
singing our praises to you through all eternity,
God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

Let us 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.**

COMMUNION IS SHARED

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Janet James

OFFERING

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WORSHIP NOTES

worship leaders

Bland Weaver
Keith Parkhouse
Hunter Hill
Lyn Hill
Nancy Parkhouse
Rusty Deyerle
Brendan Donahue, Audio-Visual Director
Janet James, Pastor
Dee Lynch, Pianist
John Donelson, Musician in Residence
Marilyn Johns, Zoom Master
Russ Kerr, Parish Associate
Yonan Shehata, Sexton
Flutists-Outdoor/Midday Prayer Service: Allen Burris, Deb Saidel, Myrick Crampton
The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio: Joe Sarver, Ross Riddell, Bruce Sullivan

PRELUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory," Grosse Pointe (Michigan) Memorial Church
Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9rWrw3XB08>

IMAGINATIVE WORD "The Cure at Troy," (excerpt), Sophocles
<https://reconciliationpoetry.com/>

LITURGY <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2021/07/liturgy-wcommunion-for-july-11-2021.html>

SPECIAL MUSIC "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," written by Helen Lemmel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5qc0EcNgqw>

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 14

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

MONDAY JULY 15

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 3:00 PM - Women's Bible Study Sacred Encounters - in-person (*led by Janet James*)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (*Sandra O'Neill*)
- 6:30 PM - Session Meeting - in-person
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

TUESDAY JULY 16

- 11:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - 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 JULY 17

- 9:45 AM - Class: Life After Doom - in-person (*led by Bland Weaver*)
- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 5:30 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club - in-person
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

THURSDAY JULY 18

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (*led by Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

SUNDAY JULY 21

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