

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 dying, 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.*

October 26, 2025

*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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyn 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

Look around — this is the world:
The touch of a neighbor's hand, the sound of laughter in the hall,
the stubborn beauty of leaves turning gold.
This is the world — the real world God so loves.
We come not to escape the world, but to be restored to sanity within it.
To remember that grace is greater than noise,
and love is stronger than fear.
This is the world — the real world God so loves.
We come seeking the One who heals our hearts and renews our minds.
Here, together, we remember this is the world. And God is in it.
This is the world — the real world God so loves.
Let us Worship 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Melissa Oretade

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

Breathing Under Water (by Carol Bieleck)

I built my house by the sea.
Not on the sands, mind you; not on the shifting sand.
And I built it of rock.
A strong house, by a strong sea.
And we got well acquainted, the sea and I.
Good neighbors.
Not that we spoke much.
We met in silences.
Respectful, keeping our distance,
but looking our thoughts across the fence of sand.
Always, the fence of sand our barrier, always, the sand between.

And then one day,
--and I still don't know how it happened--
the sea came.
Without warning.

Without welcome, even
Not sudden and swift, but a shifting across the sand
like wine,
less like the flow of water than the flow of blood.
Slow, but flowing like an open wound.
And I thought of flight and I thought of drowning and I thought of death.
And while I thought the sea crept higher, till it reached my door.
And I knew then, there was neither flight, nor death, nor drowning.
That when the sea comes calling you stop being neighbors
Well acquainted, friendly-at-a-distance, neighbors
And you give your house for a coral castle,
And you learn to breathe underwater.

~ moment of silence ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Brian Gellings

Psalm 130: 1-6

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

James 3: 17-18

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Rev. Dr. Hunter Hill

SPECIAL MUSIC

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

The Adventist Vocal Ensemble

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Hunter Hill

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and Loving God, in every age, when the world was loud with fear and pride,
You have whispered wisdom.

Wisdom that is peaceable, gentle, full of mercy, inviting us back to what is true.

You formed a world of beauty and called it good.

You gave us one another, that we might learn mercy and belonging.

When we forgot who we were, when we became addicted to noise, to judgment, to despair.

You did not abandon us.

You sent prophets and poets, and finally,

Your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ,

to remind us: *This is the world. And God is in it.*

So with all creation, with mountains and leaf blowers, with neighbors and strangers, with those who sit in silence and those who sing aloud, we join the unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS (please see the screen)

Pastor continues the prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer 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

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

Rev. Dr. Hunter Hill

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WORSHIP NOTES

PRELUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Melissa Oretade
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXR8nIWzSnI&list=RDOXR8nIWzSnI&start_radio=1

LITURGY <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

IMAGINATIVE WORD "Just Like Job" by Maya Angelou
https://www.poetryverse.com/maya-angelou-poems/just-like-job#google_vignette

SPECIAL MUSIC "There is a Balm in Gilead" by The Adventist Vocal Ensemble
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