

# 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.*

**October 5, 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

Rev. Mary Kay Scott  
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

Beloved of God, we are invited to present our whole selves body, mind, and spirit—as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God.

**This is our spiritual worship.**

We come, turning our lives and our will over to the care of God as we understand God.

**We are ready to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.**

Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

## 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

“For Everyone Born”

The Beyond the Walls Choir

## IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

### We Wear the Mask (by Paul Laurence Dunbar)

We wear the mask that grins and lies,  
It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes,—  
This debt we pay to human guile;  
With torn and bleeding hearts we smile,  
And mouth with myriad subtleties.

Why should the world be over-wise,  
In counting all our tears and sighs?  
Nay, let them only see us, while  
    We wear the mask.

We smile, but, O great Christ, our cries  
To thee from tortured souls arise.  
We sing, but oh the clay is vile  
Beneath our feet, and long the mile;  
But let the world dream otherwise,  
    We wear the mask!

~ moment of silence ~

## Lamentations 3: 40

<sup>40</sup> Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord.

## Matthew 7: 1-5

<sup>1</sup>“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

## Romans 12: 1-2

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 12 Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over ..... — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

## REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“We Shall Be Known”

Mamuse

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
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# holy communion

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

## 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.**

It is right to give you thanks, O God,  
for you call us to present our bodies as living sacrifices,  
holy and acceptable to you.

You do not leave us conformed to this world,  
but transform us by the renewing of our minds,  
so that we may discern your good, acceptable, and perfect will.

In Christ Jesus, you turned toward us in mercy and grace.

Christ gave himself fully, holding nothing back.

By his life, death, and resurrection

we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

Therefore, with all creation, with all who walk the steps of faith, and with all who have gone before us,  
we lift our voices in unending 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

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## OFFERING

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**PRELUDE** "For Everyone Born" by The Beyond the Walls Choir  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akF3oWZoIXE&list=RDakF3oWZoIXE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akF3oWZoIXE&list=RDakF3oWZoIXE&start_radio=1)

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

**IMAGINATIVE WORD** "We Wear the Mask" by Paul Laurence Dunbar  
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44203/we-wear-the-mask>

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "We Shall Be Known" by Mamuse  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4xhOcgylk>

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