

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.*

November 16, 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

Be still, and know that I am God.

We come seeking Your presence, Lord.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Come, let us seek God's will through prayer and meditation.

We gather to draw near to God. Let us worship the Lord!

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Reawaken Hymns

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

"Crossing a Creek" by Martha Courtot

crossing a creek requires 3 things:

a certain serenity of mind, bare feet, and a sure trust that the snake we know
slides silently underwater just beyond our vision

will choose to ignore the flesh that cuts through its territory and we *will* pass through

some people think crossing a creek is easy, but I say this—

all crossings are hard, whether creeks, mountains, or into other lives

and we must always believe in the snakes at our feet just out of our vision

and we must practice believing

we *will* come through.

~ *moment of silence* ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Bland Weaver

Psalm 46: 1-10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Matthew 6: 9-10

Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Step 10: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Step 11: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out."

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O God, You Search Me"

Sunday 7pm Choir & Friends

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.

Loving God, we give You thanks for Your endless grace and steadfast love. You are the light that shines in our darkness, the peace that calms our troubled souls. You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to walk beside us to teach us to pray, to show us Your will, and to reveal the depth of Your love for all people.

We offer You praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of Your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we glorify Your holy name.

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. Mary Kay Scott

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WORSHIP NOTES

PRELUDE "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" | Reawaken Hymns
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfYLqnjnOZM>

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

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