

# 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.*

**March 1, 2026**

*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

I lift up my eyes to the hills  
**from where will my help come?**  
My help comes from the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

## 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

"I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

U2

## IMAGINATIVE WORD

Lyn Hill

### **The Call to Worship** by Bob Hicok

The possibility that the zero gave birth to the universe,  
that all our somethings come from nothing, the fear  
of being alone like that, children of chance, orphans  
down to our atoms, is mother to the idea of god. God  
is a dress we slip over solitude, a mask  
for oblivion to wear, a rule-giver in a world  
where no flower or bear cares that we are here  
or what we do.

I prefer a theology of silence, the eschatology  
of the shrug, a religion of holding my wife's hand  
for now.

But, if the industry of the church is what it took  
to give me bells ringing Sunday mornings,  
to which crows sometimes rise and deer turn,  
I'm grateful for a sound that pulls me out of myself,  
lifts my head toward sun and clouds, into the up  
and all, the blue, the on and on of it, when I bend  
the only knee I have to bend, feel  
happily small, contingent, and held, by what  
I can't say, short of everything.

~ moment of silence ~

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Bland Weaver

### Romans 6: 3-11

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“More Love to Thee”

Songs and Everlasting Joy

## 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us from the dust of the ground and breathed into us the breath of life. When we wandered in wilderness places and trusted in comforts that do not last, you remained faithful. You sent prophets to call us home. You sent your Son not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ, you showed us what it means to be born from above; to live by the Spirit, to trust beyond understanding, to love without fear.

And so, with all who have been born of water and Spirit, with saints in every time and place, we join our voices in 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. Mary Kay Scott

**OFFERING**

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**PRELUDE** "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" by U2  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plEzOoD95c4>

**LITURGY** <https://pres-outlook.org>

**IMAGINATIVE WORD** "The Call to Worship" by Bob Hicok  
<https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2024/9/10/the-call-to-worship-by-bob-hicok>

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