

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.*

July 19, 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. Carson Rhyne
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.

PRELUDE

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Kaleb Brasee

BODHRAN CALL TO WORSHIP

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Rusty Deyerle

Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.
We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up
Surely, we are the Body of Christ.
We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."
Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.
Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable 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.*)

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Nancy Parkhouse

"Weeds and Wheat" by Dr. Antony Theodore

Weeds and wheat
seeds and field,
in the parable of
the weeds in the field,
Jesus speaks of
the kingdom of heaven
in a language of images
that is both strange
and fascinating to us.

The talk of the kingdom
of heaven asks us to
make a decision.

It is God who has
the final say over us
humans and the
ultimate purpose of the world.

~ moment of silence ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bland Weaver

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Bland Weaver

Psalm 37: 1-7

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ² for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security. ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Parable Series 5: "The Weeds"

Rev. Carson Rhyne

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Kaleb Brasee

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.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hand. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still, you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your 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

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. I Corinthians 11: 23-26

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice as they are passed. Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink the cup 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

Rev. Carson Rhyne

OFFERING

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WORSHIP NOTES

PRELUDE "What a Mighty God We Serve" by Kaleb Brasee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZOi41psmJg>

LITURGY Presbyterian Outlook, Ginna Bairby

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