

Celtic Prayer Service

Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

"To bring together our communities in spirituality and loving service to humankind."

Welcome

Rev. Kate Pinkham

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Opening Responses

One: Come to us this morning, O God,

All: Come to us with light.

One: Speak to us this morning, O God,

All: Speak to us your truth.

One: Dwell with us this morning, O God,

All: Dwell with us in love.

Lighting the Candles (*in unison*)

We light these candles because Christ is the Light no darkness can extinguish

In the name of the sending Father.

In the name of the Son of the call.

In the name of the Dove descending.

In the name of the One in All.

Call to Worship

If you come in certainty or confusion,
in anger or in anguish:

this time is for us.

If you come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow,
in pain or promise:

this time is for us.

If you come for your own or another's need,
for a private wound or the wound of the world:

this time is for us.

If you come and you do not know why,
to be here is enough:

this time is for us.

Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth.

Come now, Christ of the yearning tears.

Come now, Christ of the transforming touch.

This time is for you. Amen

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Opening Prayer

For Love and Light

A Celtic Creed

Time to Share *(a word, an image, or an experience with a special meaning to you.)*

The Reading of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Scripture

Mark 10: 17-31

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Reflection

Music for Meditation *Silence is observed*

The Prayers of the People

1. Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**
2. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**
3. Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.
God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**
4. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loved us.
God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**

5. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**

6. We hold before you those on our hearts this day and those who have requested our prayer.

We speak or silently pray our personal prayers

God in your goodness, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

With your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills sharing the warmth of your welcome through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting Our Prayer Candles

You are welcome to come forward to light a taper from the Christ candle and place it in the sand as a symbol of your prayer.

Music for Meditation and Prayer

*The Peace

Christ, the Good Shepherd, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord with a wave or a nod. After exchanging the Peace, please sit.

*Hymn

Breathe on Me Breath of Life

vs. 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

The Sacrament of Lord's Supper

Invitation

Let us pray (*in unison*)

**Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.**

**May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.**

**We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.**

**Made one in Christ, and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

We Remember...

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.

**May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith,
hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord who taught us to
pray together say, Our Father.... Amen.**

Prayer

The Prayer of St. Columba

*Hymn

Breathe on me Breath of God

vs. 3

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly yours

Until this earthly part of me
Glows with your fire divine

*Blessing

*Dismissal

We remember in our prayers: Ruth Sasala, Kathleen Grigg, Mike Finnegan, Joe Evans, Sharon Leeman, Carol Johnsen, Pat Greene, Sam Soule, the Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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