



Celtic Prayer Service

Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

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

First Sunday after Epiphany, January 9, 2022,

(Service begins at the sounding of the bell)

Welcome

Rev. Kate Pinkham

Prelude

Opening Response

One: Peace on each one who comes in need,

All: Peace in each who comes in joy.

One: Peace on each one who offers prayers,

All: Peace on each one who offers song.

One: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son

All: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Opening Meditation

Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Come and Fill Our Hearts - Confitemini Domino

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Opening Prayer

One: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes
to the wonder and beauty of creation,

All: We give you thanks

One: For your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awoken us to the energy of creations:
to the sap that flows,
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.

All: We give you thanks

One: For your love for us,
 compassionate and patient,
 which carried us through our pain,
 wept beside us on our sin,
 and waited with us in our confusion.

All: We give you thanks

One: For your love for us,
 strong and challenging,
 which has called us to risk for you,
 asked for the best in us,
 and shown us how to serve.

All: We give you thanks

One: O God we come to celebrate
 that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,
 and at the heart of all life.
 Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
 made known to us in Jesus,
 and draw us into your presence.

All: Amen

Opening Scripture

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
 — 1 Chronicles 29:11

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

vs. 1

Prayer for Light

Gracious and Loving God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reading of the Word

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

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Scripture

Psalm 29

Message

The Baptism of Christ

We Pray Together

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray. **All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer**

Reader 2: We bring to God someone who is hurting this morning and needs our prayer

Silence **All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer**

Reader 3: We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight

Silence **All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer**

Reader 4: We bring to God someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust

Silence **All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer**

Reader 5: We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

Silence **All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER

You are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we pray the words your Son, Jesus Christ, gave us saying, Our Father... Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Story of the Last Supper

On the night that Jesus was betrayed...

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**We offer you praise, dear God,
and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of 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 sing to you.**

**With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all who came before us we sing to you.**

**And with our loved ones, separated from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness.**

**Holy, Holy Holy Lord,
 God of power and might
 Heaven and earth of full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who come
 In the name of the lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion

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.**

Hymn *Blessed Be the Ties that Bind* vs. 1

Closing response

One: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world's beginning,

All: Be with us till the world's end

One: You have been with us at our life's shaping,

All: Be with us at our Life's end.

One: You have been with us as the sun's rising,

All: Be with us till the day's end. Amen

*Blessing

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

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