



Celtic Prayer Service

Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 26, 2022

(Service begins at the sounding of the bell)

Welcome

Rev. Kate Pinkham

Prelude

Aislinn

Lunassa

Opening Words *(in unison)*

(Early Irish Lyrics)

**Let us adore the Lord,
Maker of marvelous works,
Bright heaven with its angels,
And on earth the white-waved sea.**

Silence is kept

The Lighting of the Trinity Candles *(responsive)*

We will light a light
in the name of the Maker
who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life for me.

The first candle is lit

**We will light a light
in the name of the Son
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.**

The second candle is lit

We will light a light
in the name of the Spirit
who encompasses the world
and blesses my soul.

The third candle is lit

**We light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
the beginning,
the end,
the everlasting one.**

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Penitence (*responsive*)

**Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me
I confess to you,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

May the God of all mercy,
bring us back to himself
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Affirmation of Faith

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

**We believe in God
who takes the smallest moment of hope,
and grows it forth like a tree
with spreading branches for the sheltering of new life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ
who walks tall among us,
seen in our faces, felt in our hearts,
bedded deep in the longing of our souls
for all that is true, just and full of hope.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who waits on our moments of openness,
and springs into the unknowns
with joy and delight,
that we may be called on
beyond where we thought we could go,
where every step is walked on holy ground. Amen.**

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures worship God most high,
 lift up your voice in earth and sky,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
 ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship God in humbleness,
 alleluia, alleluia!

To God all thanks and praise belong!
 Join in the everlasting song:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Poem

Little Summer Poem Touching The Subject Of Faith

Mary Oliver

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 77

Message

Music for Meditation

Prayers for Ourselves, Others, and the World (*responsive*)

You are invited to raise your own prayers, either silently or aloud for all to hear, in the periods of silence during the prayer.

God of All Creation,

May we trust and be present to your vision for our lives,
not with blind obedience, but with conscious awareness,
not in careless repetition,
but in the deliberate daily choice
to be lovers and co-creators of your Kingdom.

Grant us open hearts so we may trust in Your love.

May we be your eyes to see, your ears to hear, and your arms to encircle
those who are frightened, lost, lonely, or in need of care.

Show us how to love and serve You through tending to all
your children as though they were our own.

Grant us open hearts so that we may trust in Your strength.

Beloved Lord Jesus, child of God,

May we walk in your steps, humbly and with reverence,
knowing that you are the Companion of our souls always
and forever; that you never forsake us, even in the darkest
times of our lives. Help us, like you, to be companions to each other.

Grant us willing hearts, so that others may trust in Your love.

We ask your blessing for this congregation, and all those who gather in
prayer to sing praises to your name. We ask your protection for
peoples everywhere who meet to worship according to their own
hearts. May Your forgiving grace make us whole.

Grant us the wisdom to forgive others as You forgive us.

We pray for healing in this country and all countries which suffer from
destruction, decay, and disorder.

We pray for wise and orderly counsel, skillful and honest leadership, a renewal
of respect for truth, and the salvation of our democracy. Breathe into our hearts
and minds a willingness for reconciliation, a commitment to peace, and an
inspiration to build, together, a better world.

**Grant us perseverance, resilience, and a passionate commitment to God's
word.**

Be with all those who grieve, all those who fear for their lives and the lives of those they love, and all those who support them.

Thank you for hearing our prayers, both now and always. Help us to trust the power of prayer, and to live in the never-ending embrace of Your love.

Thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit in our lives. Help us to be open, willing and present to Your guidance, now and always for we pray this with the words Jesus gave us saying, "Our Father..." Amen

Music for Meditation and Prayer

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.

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Christ 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.

*Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's Blessing
Our true faith confessing
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all we believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with you light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and the name which we bear.

*Blessing

A Blessing of the Angels

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