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## Celtic Christianity

(brief overview)

*Celtic Christianity is often associated with St. Columba, the Irish monk who established a Christian mission on the tiny Isle of Iona off the coast of Scotland. History and legend tell us that he arrived on Iona on the Day of Pentecost, 563 with 12 monks. They had "sailed" from their homeland to this new place in a small boat known as a coracle, made of willow boughs and animal skins. The coracle had no sail or rudder, and they drifted on the ocean currents, stopping from time to time on other islands. When they arrived on Iona they climbed a hill and discovered they could no longer see Ireland. The hill is known as "The Hill of the looking back to Ireland".*

*The high stone crosses on Iona and other places in the British Isles were often used by the Celtic Christians as gathering points for simple worship with an emphasis on the natural world, the prayers, songs and poems used in worship and in daily life were memorized and passed on in an oral tradition. After the Highland Clearances they were nearly lost. In the 1800's, a Scottish civil servant from Edinburgh named Alexander Carmichael (1832-1912) began to record them as he interviewed people in the Highlands and on the islands. These prayers were assembled in a written collection called *The Carmina Gadelica*. The prayers used in our worship are taken from this collection or are written to reflect the spirit and style of those early prayers by more recent writers such as John Philip Newell, George McLeod, David Adams and others.*

*The Ecumenical Community of Iona was founded in 1938 by George MacLeod, a Scottish Presbyterian minister. Through the efforts of MacLeod the ancient Abbey on Iona was restored during the years of financial depression by unemployed laborers from Glasgow and also theological students. The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian Community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community, renewal of worship and the integrity of creation. Learn more about the work of the Iona Community of Scotland by visiting their website: [www.ionacommunity.org.uk](http://www.ionacommunity.org.uk)*

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## Welcome to Minnetonka United Methodist Church

October 7, 2018 - 9:00 am



#### Sunday School

**Childcare (0-2 yrs) & Nursing Nook:** Nursery across the hall

**Preschool (3-5 yrs):** Preschool Room down the hall

**Sunday School (K-6):** Kids are invited to join us for Mad Props, discovering the story of the Burning Bush.  
Multipurpose Room - Lower level

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal    TFWS - The Faith We Sing

First time visitors are invited  
to stop by the Welcome Desk for more information about  
Minnetonka United Methodist Church and a free gift

## **We Gather Together**

### **Gathering Music**

*As the community gathers quietly, you are invited to close your eyes and welcome the presence of God the Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit into this place.*

### **Opening Words**

*Maker of all  
We are your children,  
The creatures of your kindness,  
The bearers of your image.  
This day,  
We will walk by your light,  
Follow your Son,  
And live by your Spirit.  
This day,  
We will not offer to you  
Offerings that cost us nothing.  
For this is the day  
That the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Amen.*

### **Hymn**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
#618 UMH (vs. 1-3)

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)  
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

Word: Afro-American Spiritual (Acts 2:42), Music: William Farley Smith

### **Opening Prayer**

*Gracious God,  
If we came to your house,  
We would find the door open,  
We would hear many accents, ours just one among them,  
For there is no favoured nation in the commonwealth of Heaven.  
If we came to your house,  
We would see people who never thought they would be allowed in.  
So, as we gather in Jesus' name,  
Let the characteristics you cherish  
Become evident in all we do and share together.  
Gather into one the glorious assortment of unlikes  
Which is your true church. Amen*

### **Welcome**

*At this time, all children ages K-6 are invited to leave the sanctuary and go downstairs for Sunday School. Haley Mathison, our director of Family Ministries, will meet all children just outside the sanctuary to lead them downstairs.*

## **We Center Through Prayer and Music**

### **Musical Reflection**

*Eat This Bread*  
#628 UMH

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Words: Robert Batastini & the Taize Community, Music: Jacques Berthier

### **Prayer & Meditation**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and shall be, Father and Mother of us all; may the hallowing of your name echo through the universe, may the way of your justice be followed by the people of the world. May your heavenly will be done by all created beings. May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.*

adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book - Anglican Church

#### **Scripture**

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

#### **Musical Reflection**

*Duetto per Flauto e Violin*

#### **Scripture**

*Hebrews 2:5-12*

*Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."*

*Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.*

*For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."*

#### **Sermonette**

*A Place at the Table*

## **We Are Nourished by the Meal**

### **Musical Preparation**

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine*  
Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*As the Song of Peace is sung, the ushers will dismiss each row, and provide you with a candle, to come partake at the Lord's Table. Please break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. You may then light your candle with the center candle in the sand cross, and then place your candle in the sand.*

### **Song of Peace**

*For Everyone Born*

- 1. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread;  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead*

#### **Refrain**

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
Justice and joy.*

- 5. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free.*

#### **Refrain**

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Brian Mann

## **We Are Sent Forth to Serve**

### **Parting Hymn**

*Abide with Me*  
#700 UMH (vs 1-3)

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*
- 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*
- 3. I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me*

Words: Henry F. Lyte, Music: EVENTIDE, W. H. Monk

### **A Celtic Blessing**

### **Sending Music**

Thank you to Andrea Brazelton and Robert Wakeley for leading worship through music. Your gifts are appreciated.