

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.**

***Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge***

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau                      VAM: Rev. Dianne Graves  
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***PALM SUNDAY***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Pass the Peace**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Lighting of the Lent candle**                      *Bill Potts/Dale Sangster*

We light this candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus Christ that God will always remain faithful, even when we lack faith.

**Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960**

**Call to Worship**

Steadfast God, Lent has been a long journey. Now the long shadow of the cross and the footsteps of Jesus find us waiting at the gates of Jerusalem. We have arrived. Yet it seems the journey is still not complete; there is a deeper journey still to make. This Lenten wandering has been just the beginning. The greatest story is still to be told. Come let us gather at the gates of the city; the crowds are preparing to enter.

**Hymn: VU 128 Sanna, Sannanina (3x)**

**Gathering Prayer (*unison*)**

**May we be your disciples today, O Jesus, where we know what we cry, where we take to heart the hosannas and live them beyond the parade. May we be your supporters today, O Jesus, where we know the savior you are, where we intend to follow you from gate to garden. May we be your voice today, O Jesus, where we cry out against the protests, where we stake our faith and lives on what you begin here today. Amen.**

**Responsive Scripture: Psalm 118 VU 837 Part 3 & 4**

**Hymn: MV 128 When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming (v. 1, 2, 3)**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)**

*Andrea Brown/Wayne Butcher*

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection “Would stones shout out?”

Hymn: VU 124 He Came Riding on a Donkey

**We Give and Receive our Offering**

May our gifts help all to find out what kind of a Messiah we should be longing to welcome.

Offertory Hymn: VU 579 The Church is Wherever (v. 2)

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Save us from injustice, from hunger, from conflict, from indifference. Call us to works of justice, feeding the hungry peacemaking in conflict, and the lost. And we will go with you, beside you, because of you now. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

Hymn: VU 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

(There is a tradition that Palm Sunday is the beginning of a one-week-long service through Holy Week with no Amen, just words of encouragement and invitation to gather again next time.)

May we walk among the voices of “hosanna” and “crucify.” Share the journey with Jesus and listen for the crushing of love. Long for the moment it breaks open again. Let’s go.

Hymn: VU 429 May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

Postlude

*Announcements:*

The Keswick AGM will happen after the church service on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to stay.

# *Keswick & Ravenshoe United Church Palm Sunday*



*April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Rev. Calin Lau*