

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON APRIL 17TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau

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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

EASTER SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Introit

Lighting of the Lent candle

Dale Sangster/Marilyn Butcher

May this candle shine in our midst to remind us of the Easter mystery in which we share and which is made present in our midst daily.

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 959

Call to Worship

There are alleluias in the air,

that skip a beat as they dance over tombs,

that push at stones and reveal a saviour,

that explode with a slow beauty in the sunrise,

that wake the birds and tear at the dawn.

It is God's special word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn: VU 713 I See a New Heaven (v. 1, 2, 3)

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Our eyes are barely open, the sky has hardly brightened, the morning has just begun, and we see you have already done a new

thing. Praise be to you, O God. Your ways are beyond our understanding, your mystery is too vast for words, yet on this day, we dare to believe that you are making us into new creations. Alleluia!

Ministry of Music

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 118 VU 837 Part 1, 2, 3

Hymn: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v. 1, 2, 3)

Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

Janice Morrison/Marilyn Butcher

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Easter Day"

Hymn: VU 175 This Is the Day That God Has Made

We Give and Receive our Offering

On this day of celebration, we bring not only our offerings but also our lives.

Offertory Hymn: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We dedicate ourselves anew today to be the love that rises after death. We dedicate our hearts to continuing to break and continuing to respond to a broken world with compassion and hope. We dedicate our very souls to fulfilling your resurrection in the world. Bless all these offerings, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of the Minutes for Mission – "Rebuilding After Loss – Lisa's Story"

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing (v. 1, 2, 4)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

Go to live as the Body of Christ resurrected by love and empowered by the Spirit to continue God's work in this world. Amen.

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

Announcements:

The Keswick AGM will happen after the church service on Sunday, April 24th. Nominations are being accepted for all positions/committees on the Board including Joint Ministry & Personnel. Please advise the church office if you are interested. 905-476-5532

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*April 17th, 2022
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