

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON APRIL 24TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau VAM: Rev. Dianne Graves
Music Director: Stephen Riches (KUC) & Kathy Anderson (RUC)
Property Manager: Ralph Cox (KUC) Office Administrator: Sandra Dickinson
VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ candle *Dale Sangster*

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 960

Call to Worship

In the shadow of resurrection,
we will live out our faith.
In the crumbs of broken bread,
we will proclaim Christ is risen.
In the wine of the supper,
we will trust the promise of grace.
In the community at the empty tomb,
we will believe what the world does not.
In the gravestone now rolled away,
we will break out in the joy of resurrection.
Come, let us worship.

Hymn: VU 477 I Come with Joy (v. 1, 4, 5)

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

Grant us a voice, O God, that breaks into all silence and speaks out in your name. May we find the gospel words that speak into poverty and for justice, that proclaim heaven's authority and love's agenda. When others wish to silence the good news, may we shout it even louder. Amen.

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 150 VU 874

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:27-32 (NRSV)

Sheila Gick/Wayne Butcher

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Resurrection Witness"

Hymn: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

We Give and Receive our Offering

Help us to use our spiritual gifts and monetary blessings be a testimony to your glory.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We offer these gifts to you, gracious God, That they may serve your purposes in the world. And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. In our daily living, help us witness in Christ's name and on Christ's behalf. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 245 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Go forth to take part in the story of God's love. Go with courage, uplifted by the example of those who have gone before and vitalized by the mystery and possibility that lies ahead. And may God continue to bless and keep you. Amen.

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

Postlude

Announcements:

Keswick's AGM meeting will be after church Today!

Rev. Calin will be on holidays from June 6th to August 6th.

***Keswick & Ravenshoe
United Church
Second Sunday of Easter***



***April 24th, 2022
Rev. Calin Lau***