

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 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

***FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Celebrating April Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Announcements**

**Pass the Peace**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Introit**

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

We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ to help us to forgive as we are forgiven, to help us to love as we are loved.

**Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 959**

**Call to Worship**

We gather in the presence of God, the creator of sand and stars:  
**ready to worship.**

We gather in the presence of Christ, our guide for setting a table of welcome:

**ready to worship.**

We gather in the presence of the Spirit, our inspiration for moving beyond fear:

**ready to worship.**

We gather together in grace:  
**ready to worship.**

**Hymn: VU 606 In Christ There Is No East or West (v. 2, 3, 4)**

**Gathering Prayer** (*unison*)

**O God, you are the giver of wonderful things. You gave us life. You have filled our lives with family and friends. You lavish us with your grace. You have given us this day to add to the many we have shared. And you have given us Jesus. Help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of just how much you love us, and open our hearts that our worship this day might be an act of praise and thanksgiving for all you have done for us. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music**

**Responsive Scripture: Psalm 126 VU 850 Refrain 2**

**Hymn: VU 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn**

**Scripture Reading:** John 12: 1-8 (NRSV)                      *Sheila Gick*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection “Gracious Ministries”**

**Hymn: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision (v. 1, 2, 4)**

**We Give and Receive our Offering**

May our gifts bring glory to Christ with impact on the world.

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

**Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**We offer our gifts this day with gratitude. Through them, may hope come to those who know despair, may love come to those who feel alone, may healing come to those who endure pain. May these gifts be a sign of our commitment to serve you in the world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (3x)**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

My sisters and brothers: go forth into a world that is beloved by God.

Bless it with your compassion. Renew it with hope. In every step you take may you feel anew the peace of Christ, the promise of the Spirit,  
and the presence of God.  
Amen.

**Hymn: Go Now In Peace**

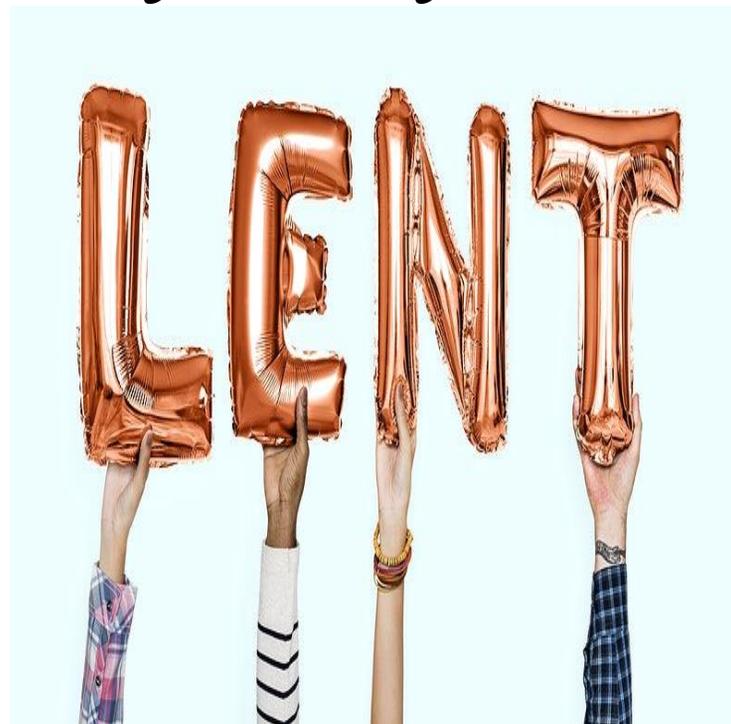
**Postlude**

***Announcements:***

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 Ravenshoe will have a Zoom Board Meeting.

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  
Fifth Sunday in Lent***



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