

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau

VAM: Rev. Dianne Graves

Music Director: Stephen Riches (KUC) & Kathy Anderson (RUC)

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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

***SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH***

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Introit

Lighting of the Christ candle

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 959

Call to Worship

Trust in God.

We delight in God,

for God tends to the desires of our hearts,

and commits us to the bright day of justice.

Do not fret, for God is near.

We come to worship because God is good.

Hymn: VU 260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Come close to us, O God. Reconcile us to our brothers and sisters. Come closer to us, O God, so we may be more merciful and holy in your image. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 37 VU 763

Hymn: VU 570 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 (NRSV) *Jack Wilson*
Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Come Closer to Me"

Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

We Give and Receive our Offering

We give because we seek to be God's followers who do good and expect nothing in return.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Mercy is love that demands we put our skin in the game. God bless our offerings as you have blessed our bodies and lives. Help us give more of ourselves, hearts, and resources to see your merciful love embodied in all of us. Amen.

Sharing of the Minutes for Mission ~ "Every Child Has a Right to Learn – Meshack's Story".

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 213 Take Up His Song (Peace, Hope, Faith, Love)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Bless this day, and may your will for love and mercy be done when the day is done. Amen.

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

Announcements:

Join us Feb. 22nd for the 10am Zoom call with Rev. Lau.

***Keswick & Ravenshoe
United Church
Seventh Sunday after the
Epiphany***



***February 20th, 2022
Rev. Calin Lau***