

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON JANUARY 2ND, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Celebrating January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ candle

The Magi followed a star leading them to the Light of the World. The candle flame reminds us that the Light of the World is in our midst. Gathered as people who are drawn to the light, we centre ourselves for worship.

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960

Call to Worship

A star shining brightly in the East,

discovered by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.

A journey into unknown territory,

taken by those who have courage and curiosity.

An encounter with an evil, commanding presence,

evil that was faced, yet resisted with care.

The Holy One recognized, despite humble origin,

the glory of the gifts, given to God's Chosen Child.

Come, let us worship.

Hymn: VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light (v. 2, 3, 5)

Gathering Prayer (unison)

God of life, starlight is our night companion – a gift of wonder – that helped direct ancient ones on their journey, and helps us reflect upon our own. Amen.

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 72 VU 790 Part 1&2

Hymn: VU 330 Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV) - Wayne Butcher

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Pilgrims on the Road"

Hymn: VU 87 I Am the Light of the World (v. 1, 2, 4)

We Give and Receive our Offering

We joyously acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of God's love.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

As the magi brought gold, so we bring these gifts. As the magi brought frankincense, so we bring our prayers. As the magi brought myrrh, so we bring our lives to you, O God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

***Commissioning and Blessing**

May God be a guiding star before you, a glorious song above you, a gentle path below you, a galvanizing voice behind you wherever you may journey. Amen

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

Postlude

Announcements:

Ravenshoe is having their AGM on Jan. 23rd. Please have your reports to the office by Jan. 5th. Thank you.

Zoom Coffee Time will be on Tues., Jan. 11th & 25th at 10am.

*Keswick & Ravenshoe
United Church
Second Sunday after
Christmas*



*January 2nd, 2022
Rev. Calin Lau*