

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON JANUARY 9TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

**Announcements: Zoom call at 10am on Jan. 11th.
RUC AGM by Zoom at 1pm on Sun., Jan. 23rd. Info coming.**

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Introit

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 959

Call to Worship

Do not fear, for I have rescued you. I have called you by name, you are mine. When you cross deep waters, I will be with you; and the rivers they shall not overwhelm you.

We move through deep waters toward you, O God.

God's voice is heard over the waters; the God of glory thunders, over the mighty waters.

We move through the storm and thunder toward you, O God.
God sits beyond the flood, enthroned as ruler for ever.

We move through overwhelming waters toward you, O God.
When Jesus had been baptized a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Beloved Child, and I am pleased with you."

We hear your voice calling and move toward you, O God.
Come, let us worship God.

Hymn: VU 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1, 3, 4)

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

Many voices speak to us. We are torn in many directions. To whom should we listen? To what should we pay attention? Which voices are the right ones? How do we hear the voice of God in all the noise? Help us, God, to listen with our hearts. To open ourselves to your voice: that forgives us when we do wrong, that calls us to serve you and others, that invites us to use our own voices to challenge injustice in our world. Speak to us, God. We are listening.

(Silence)

Ministry of Music

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 29 VU 756

Hymn: VU 660 How Firm a Foundation (v. 1, 3, 5)

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV) *Diane Armstrong*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Beloved"

Hymn: MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath (v. 1, 2, 3)

We Give and Receive our Offering

More loving, more just, more compassionate. We give generously this day to empower that to happen.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

To the north, to the south, to the west, to the east, we pray: for all that is possible, wonderful, and joyful as we seek and serve Christ, God's beloved, in all places and all people. May God be well pleased. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name (v. 1 - 4)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

God has called each of us by name.

Do not fear, for God goes with you wherever you may go.

Even when we pass through rough waters, God will be with you. Go in peace to love and serve God.

Amen.

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

Keswick & Ravenshoe United Church Baptism of the Lord



*January 9th, 2022
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