

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON JUNE 21ST, 2020.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ candle

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960

Call to Worship

Into our wilderness, God comes and says, "Do not be afraid for I have heard your voice."

Out of the shadows of fear and into the light of faith, we come, O God.

When we ask for a sign of love, God comes and provides all that we need.

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Old ways are discarded and we are made alive with Christ.

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Jesus says, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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Come, let us worship.

Hymn: VU 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (v. 1-3)

Gathering Prayer (*in unison*)

God of sparrows and elephants, of earth and sky, of the great and the small, you stand with us when we are hurting, when we are frightened, when there is danger. You are with us today, and always, loving us and caring for us, even when we do not see you or hear you or feel you. As we live in your steadfast love, may we live boldly, faithfully, and joyfully. Amen.

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 86 VU 803

Hymn: VU 671 I Need Thee Every Hour (v. 1, 3, 4)

Scripture Reading: Matt 10:24-39 (NRSV)

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection “Solidarity”

Hymn: VU 562 Jesus Calls Us (v. 1, 3, 5)

We Give and Receive our Offering

In times of plenty, in times of want, God provides. Trusting in God, then, let us give without fear.

Offertory Hymn: MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life (v.3)

Prayer of Dedication

Great and loving God, who hears the cries of all people, and who proclaims each and every one of us to be of great worth: take these gifts we offer. May our giving help your church to proclaim the gospel of justice and truth throughout the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Sharing of the Minutes for Mission: (video – A Safe Home)

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 2-4)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

God tells us, “Do not be afraid!” Jesus tells us, “Have no fear!” Paul tells us, “Death no longer has dominion...”

Let us go out to our work unafraid. Let us go out to our ministries, confident that God is with us. Let us go out to our discipleship in newness of life. Let us go out to our service with grace and strength.

Where God leads, we go with confidence. Where God sends, we go with faith. **Amen.**

Hymn: MV 213 Take Up His Song (hope & love)

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Online Zoom Coffee Meeting: Tuesday, June 23rd at 10am. All are welcome!

Summer Schedule for Keswick & Ravenshoe Churches:

July 5	Closed
July 12	Closed
July 19	Closed
July 26	Closed
Aug. 2	Closed

Rev. Dianne will cover any pastoral care issues during Rev. Calin’s vacation.

The office will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to noon during this time.



HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June is Pride Month in Ontario

Here is some inspiration for our community of faith to celebrate this year's Pride – happening virtually but still totally heartfelt (thanks to Shining Water's Regional Council):

- **Create a public sign of welcome to the LGBTQ2S community**
- **Record a “Happy Pride” greeting for the virtual pride celebrations**
- **Join with United Church friends on Sunday, June 28th at 1pm for a gathering**
- **Share *For the Great Diversity* prayer in your own worship and social media**
- **Join in a community pride event – add your event on your website**
- **Sing David Kai's wonderful hymn, *We Are a Rainbow***

For more information about these events, please contact the office.