

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MARCH 20TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Introit

Lighting of the Lent candle *Gord Richmond/Philip Wellman*

We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ that his presence is with us, and that we are not alone.

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 959

Call to Worship

It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being. And so, in every moment of every day, we dance with God, and God dances with all creation.

We don't often notice that we're dancing, but sometimes, every once in a while, God's music and movement breaks through, and we know!

When we gather together, as community of faith, we gather to help one another become open to the presence of God;
we gather to help one another be intentional in that relationship;
we gather to help one another, and in helping one another, we worship God.

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (v. 4)

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

Creator, touch our minds that we may worship with understanding. Touch our eyes that we may recognize each other. Touch our voices that our words would always praise you. Touch our heart that your compassion would overflow. With all that we are, we worship you. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 63 VU 781 Refrain 2

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (v. 1, 2, 3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

Jack Wilson

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection “It Is Okay to Say No.”

Hymn: VU 402 We Are One (v. 1, 2, 4)

We Give and Receive our Offering

Jesus met many people. When he was with them, he would share what he had. Let us do the same.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

The bills and the coins and the numbers in the bank are symbols of the work of our hands, loving God. We offer them to you, that they would be signs and symbols of our worship as they go out into the world. May they be used in ways that bring healing and wholeness to all creation. Amen.

Sharing of the Minutes for Mission –

Video “Nourishing Bodies and Hearts – Ashrafi’s Story”

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 176 Three Things I Promise (v. 1, 2, 3)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

The Lenten way stretches out before us: May we depart the sheltering oasis of God’s protection our thirst quenched with the waters of God’s generous gifts as we rise up refreshed to continue on the way. Amen.

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

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Third Sunday in Lent*



*March 20th, 2022
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