

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MARCH 27TH, 2022.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Lent candle *Phyllis Lyddiatt/Gord Richmond*

We light this candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus Christ
that our sins are forgiven, when we repent and turn back to God.

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960

Call to Worship

From far-away places, from close at hand; with hearts troubled,
with minds at rest, welcome your people, Holy One.

For we come to worship you.

Carrying heavy loads, travelling light; walking in fear, living in
faith, welcome your people, Holy One.

**For we come to worship you with all that is good in our lives
with all that hurts and hinders us with past and present in us
and the future before us.**

We come to worship you and find our way home.

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

Gathering Prayer (unison)

**Thank you, loving God, for being with us, always, and helping
us to make time in this place. We ask you to help us remember
all the moments of gratitude that have filled this week, and we
ask you to help us look forward to all of the moments of
gratitude that are still to come. Blessed are you, forever and
ever. Amen.**

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 32 VU 759

Hymn: VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing (v. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)

Wayne Butcher/Connie McKenzie-Morgan

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to
listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and
saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he
told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them
said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that
will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few
days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a
distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute
living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place
throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and
hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent
him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled
himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave
him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of
my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I
am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will
say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I
am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of
your hired hands."' "

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "I've Had Enough!"

Hymn: VU 229 God of the Sparrow (v. 1, 3, 5)

We Give and Receive our Offering

Jesus challenged people, like, "Sell everything you own, and come, follow me!" What does it mean for us?

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

As the prodigal made for home we turn back to you. As the parent celebrated his return we rejoice with all who love you. We are not worthy to receive all that we have, and what we offer is a simple token of all that you have given. So receive us and our offerings as we come with grateful hearts into the love of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 372 Though I May Speak

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Let's go into the world as people of gratitude.

Let's go into the world as people of hope.

Let's go into the world as people of joyfulness.

Let's go into the world ready to share Christ's love!

And let us go knowing this: we are never, ever alone.

The peace of Christ holds us, the love of the Creator enfolds us, and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us, today and always. Amen!

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

Postlude



Announcements:

The Keswick AGM will happen after the church service on Sunday, April 24th. All are welcome to stay.

*Keswick & Ravenshoe
United Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent*



*March 27th, 2022
Rev. Calin Lau*