

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.**

***Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge***

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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Pass the Peace**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Lighting of the Christ candle**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960**

**Call to Worship**

Imagine a place where all are welcome

**and everyone hears the sound of their name.**

Imagine everyone having enough food and water

**and a home free of hatred and fear.**

Imagine a place where creativity is valued

**and the spirit is nurtured in love.**

Imagine just imagine this is that place.

**With one voice, one joy, one faith, one love we worship God together.**

**Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See**

**Gathering Prayer (unison)**

**We praise you, O God, for the gift of creation and the surprise of re-creation. Open our eyes to see new things.**

**Open our minds to think fresh thoughts. Open our communities to welcome new partners. Open our spirits to follow your Spirit. Amen.**

**Responsive Scripture: Psalm 148 VU 871**

**Hymn: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v. 1, 2, 3)**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV) Marilyn Butcher**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder

God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God**

**Reflection "Boundary Breaking"**

**Hymn: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

**We Give and Receive our Offering**

We offer gifts this day as those who have received so much more.

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

**Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Giver of Life, we share what we have received. We dedicate these gifts as we rededicate ourselves to preparing the way for a new heaven and renewed Earth, where all people and all creation know the full measure of your peace. May these gifts reflect a praise and gratitude for the work of your spirit, drawing us ever deeper into the richness of relationship upon which we all depend. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Minutes of Mission – "Taken and Detained: 17 Year-Old Khalil's Story."**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: MV 120 My Soul Cries Out (v. 1, 2, 4)**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." So go out in love, and find ways to love all whom you meet. And in so doing, may others know **that we are Christ's disciples. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU 429 May the Blessing of God Be upon You**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**



**For Asian Heritage Month, Nobuko Iwai shares her experience of being born in Japan and raised in The United Church of Canada.**

**If you want to read her article, you can go to [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca) and look for 'Round the Table Blog.'**



**Asian Heritage Month: Parallel Journeys of Healing**

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from

11am to 1pm

at York Regional Police Headquarters

47 Don Hillock Dr., Aurora

Celebrating Asian Heritage with music and dance reflective of the various Regions of Asia.



**Virginia United Church**

Hwy 48 at Hadden Rd.

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 8am to 2pm

**\*baking\*BBQ\*tools\*plants\*books\* furniture\*household goods\*antiques\* "Something for Everyone"**

*Ravenshoe United Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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