

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MAY 1ST, 2022.

Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Celebrating May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

From the shores of our lives, Jesus calls us into the celebration of worship.

Let us worship our God.

From the edge of our worries and concerns, Jesus calls us into hope.

Let us claim the hope in Christ Jesus.

From the shallow places in our hearts, Jesus calls us into the depths of his love.

Let us celebrate the gift of his love.

Call to Worship (con't)

From the breaking waves of sadness in our lives, Jesus calls us into joy.

Let us renew our spirits in his joy.

From the rising tides of our conflicts, Jesus calls us onto the shores of peace.

Let us rest in his peace.

Let us celebrate the love of God and receive the blessings of Christ Jesus.

Let us worship God!

Hymn: VU 352 I Danced in the Morning (v. 1, 3, 5)

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Loving God, dare we have the chance to offer forgiveness. Dare we find that gospel moment that brings new life to those who have hurt others. Dare we offer justice to those who have been unjust to us and find you with us as we build communities of justice and grace. Amen.

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 30 VU 757

Hymn: VU 334 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1, 3, 5)

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Going Global"

Hymn: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 2, 3, 4)

We Give and Receive our Offering

May the gifts we give this morning be just the beginning of our availability to be your tools for bringing about the world you desire.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have the power to transform the most unlikely people into influential witnesses. We dedicate ourselves to being open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and moments where we might be agents of healing and change in today's world. Use our gifts to show people your presence in their everyday lives. Help us to be a means for encountering the risen Christ in a broken world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 209 Go, Make a Difference

***Commissioning and Blessing**

The Spirit of Christ says, "Get up and go." Go and extend God's circle of love, go and offer a healing touch to the world, go and celebrate Spirit's presence in all.

Our eyes have been opened, and we are filled with new visions of the way. We will go where the Spirit of Christ leads. Amen.

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

Postlude

Announcements:

Keswick church is collecting items to be shipped overseas for the Ukrainian population. They are looking for baby items, children's clothing (ages 0 – 24 mths), food (chocolate, nuts, canned meat & fish, instant rice & noodles), medicine (adults & childrens Tylenol, Advil, etc), womens hygiene products and any walkers, canes or crutches. Please drop off at KUC.

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