

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MAY 22ND, 2022.

Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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**SIXTH 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

Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago.

Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now.

Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.

Come, drink fresh waters from the river of life.

Come, join generation upon generation in worshipping God.

Hymn: VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1, 3, 4)

Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

**Ever-guiding Spirit, open us to the paths you call us to travel.
Open us to the ones with whom you would have us minister. May
we welcome one another with hearts of grace, that together we
may be hospitable to your purposes. Amen.**

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 67 VU 786

Hymn: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV) *Betty Ridge*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Together in Ministry"

Hymn: MV 89 Love Is the Touch

We Give and Receive our Offering

As we offer gifts to you and speak our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Loving God, we know that ministry is not something we do for others nearly so much as it is a life-giving work you call us to do with others. Use these gifts and our talents, blended with the gifts and talents of others around the world, to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (2x)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

May the river of God's grace refresh us each day, the light of Christ shine among the shadows and the Holy Spirit be found within friend and stranger. Amen.

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

Postlude

Happy Victoria Day!

*Ravenhoe United Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter*



*Asian Heritage Month
May 22nd, 2022
Rev. Calin Lau*

Announcements:



For Asian Heritage Month, Calin Chun-hong Lau looks at his Chinese heritage and Canadian cultural context through the eyes of faith.

Go to united-church.ca and look for 'Round the Table Blog' to read the full article.

Rev. Lau will be on vacation & study leave from June 8th to July 31st inclusive. A decision was made, by both boards, to close both locations for the month of July. The services of June 12th, 19th and 26th will be held jointly at Keswick for 10am.



Asian Heritage Month: Parallel Journeys of Healing

Saturday, May 28th 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.

Please register online: yrp.ca/AHM