

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON MAY 8TH, 2022.

Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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MOTHER’S DAY

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, let us worship God, who is deserving of praise,
glory,
wisdom,
thanksgiving,
honour,
power and strength.
Come, let us worship God.

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

Gathering Prayer (unison)

God, you call us to rise up, to live, to seek the welfare of others, and to offer words and deeds that are life-giving. Fill us with the presence of your spirit, God, and guide us as we grow as disciples. Amen.

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 23 Refrain 1 VU 749

Hymn: VU 670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Scripture Reading: Acts 9: 36-43 (NRSV) *Kathy Anderson*
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection “Life-giving Acts”

Hymn: VU 577 I’ve Got Peace like a River

We Give and Receive our Offering

May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn.

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

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, your gifts are countless. You lead us, guide us, and restore us when we need it most. May we recall this generosity now and remember the examples of Tabitha and others who share what they have and give to those in need. We offer these gifts to you and pray that you will bless them for your work of ministry. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Go into the world where the Spirit of Christ is already at work, feeding, clothing, caring, tending.

We go in the name of Jesus to be the Body of Christ in our time and place. Amen. Let it be so.

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

Postlude

Jim & Shirley Stiles would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Ukraine. The container is full and has been sent. We are waiting for another one so please hold on to any further donations until we let you know. Thank you.

Happy Mother's Day!!

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