

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 3RD, 2021.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

Minister: Rev. Calin Lau VAM: Rev. Dianne Graves
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Celebrating October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Introit

Lighting of the Christ candle

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 959

Call to Worship

We gather as fellow travelers
awake to possibility but worn by life's demands.
We come broken, yet ever hopeful. Weary, yet expectant.
At home in God, enfolded by love, we come to be encouraged and renewed in the peace and wholeness that is Jesus the Christ for us.
Come, let us worship.
Hymn: VU 614 In Suffering Love (v. 1, 4, 5)

Gathering Prayer *(in unison)*

Hope of all Earth, everywhere we turn, you are there, loving your creation, present in our struggles. You have given us hearts that question and minds that resist easy answers. Be with us now as we ponder the mysteries of existence and the part you have called us to play in your amazing world. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Hymn: VU 218 We Praise You, O God

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:2-16 (NRSV) *Diane Armstrong*

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection “Challenging Questions”

Hymn: VU 445 A Little Child the Saviour Came (v. 2, 3, 4)

We Give and Receive our Offering

Move us this day to ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings we received.

Offertory Hymn: VU 579

The Church is Wherever God’s People (v. 2)

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 348 O Love, How Deep (v. 1, 4, 7)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

With all our questions we know we are loved. Let us go forth boldly from this place to love and serve God in every situation that faces us. And may the blessing of God – birth-giver, pain-bearer and life-bringer – be with us now and always. Amen.

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Postlude

Announcements:

Bible Study: Oct. 4, 18 & 25 at Rev. Dianne’s hm. 905-478-8196

Rev. Lau is in his KUC office every Friday from 9:30 to noon.

***Keswick & Ravenshoe
United Church
Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost***



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October 3rd, 2021
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