

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021.

Keswick & Ravenshoe Pastoral Charge

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VU – Voices United Hymnbook MV – More Voices

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
148TH ANNIVERSARY OF
RAVENSHOE UNITED CHURCH

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements ~ Zoom Calls: Tuesday, Sept. 28th

Bible Study: Sept. 27 & Oct. 4, 18, 25 – Rev. Dianne 905-478-8196

Pass the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ candle

Singing of the Lord's Prayer VU 960

Call to Worship

Have salt in yourselves:

salt enough to love courageously.

Have salt in yourselves:

salt enough to speak honestly.

Have salt in yourselves:

salt enough to act justly.

Have salt in yourselves:

salt enough to pray constantly. Amen.

Hymn: VU 603 In Loving Partnership We Come (v. 2, 3, 4)

Gathering Prayer (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you delight in us – each of us. When we tend to look suspiciously at others, or assume they do not quite fit in, or wonder what kind of ministry they may be doing, remind us that all of us are called, and blessed, and equipped to do your work. May we celebrate that in this time of worship. Amen.

Ministry of Music – “Ballad of Ravenshoe Chapel”

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 124 VU 848 Refrain 1

Hymn: VU 131 If Our God Had Simply Saved Us
(v. 1, 7, 11, 15)

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:38-50 (NIV) *Betty Ridge*

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where

“‘the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’”

Everyone will be salted with fire. “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection “Stumbling blocks or building blocks?”

Hymn: VU 582 *There’s a Spirit in the Air* (v. 1, 2, 5)

We Give and Receive our Offering

Move us this day to be generous in our giving and care.

Offertory Hymn: VU 578 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* (v. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we give thanks for all you offer to us: for your grace that sustains us, for your love that strengthens us, for your peace that supports us, and for your image which is within us. Bless the gifts we now offer in recognition of all we receive from you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV 209 *Go Make a Diff’rence*

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Spirit of courage and compassion:

be with us in our dreams and decisions;

be with us in our tears and tenderness;

be with us in our work and weariness;

be with us in our love and laughter;

be with us in our seeking and singing;

be with us through every juncture on this journey.

Amen.

Hymn: MV 213 *Take Up His Song (Hope & Love)*

Postlude

Keswick & Ravenshoe

United Church

Eighteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

**Our Church's
Anniversary**



Ravenshoe's 148th Anniversary!

September 26th, 2021

Rev. Calvin Lau