

Wandering Heart: Finding Faith with Peter

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

God's People Gather

Welcoming and Announcements

Introit and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, O Fount of every blessings,
daily I am drawn to you.
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.
Hallelujah, we sing.
Hallelujah, we sing.
Hallelujah, we sing.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Opening Hymn **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky** (Here I Am, Lord)

Voices United 509

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

A Time To Wonder

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 25: 1-10

Luke 5: 1-11

Reflection "Jesus Sought Me"

Anthem Break the Bread

Natalie Sleeth

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Welcome to Christ's Table

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Sung Response **Holy, Holy, Holy** (Voices United 932)

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Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with you glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Our Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come to us again.

Response

**Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing of the Gifts

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to

live into the visions that God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Responding to God's Grace

Presenting Our Gifts

Special Music (Johanna de Leeuw)

The Dance of the Blessed Spirits

C. Gluck; arr. J. Madden

Choral Response **For the Gift of Creation** (Voices United 538)

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For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Blessing of Our Gifts

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Parting Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be (Voices United 506)

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1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use every power
as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

The first Lenten candle is extinguished.

Choral Response **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Postlude

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Hyfrydol by Rowland H. Prichard, arranged by Lani Smith

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Flutist - Johanna de Leeuw

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn and McKinley Taylor

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Moira Dennis

Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis

Scripture Reading – Peter Gray

Communion Servers – Miranda Andersen, Mary-Jane Apcar

Blyth Hughes, Glenn Parsons, and Casey Vandenbrink

Presenting and Blessing of Our Gifts – Clare Walker

Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Ron Norman

Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group

Flowers for the service are offered by Christine Smith,
in celebration of the life of her husband, Dave.

Flowers are also offered by Dianne Bird and Janet Jones
in celebration of the life of their father, Fred Taylor.