

# Wandering Heart: Finding Faith with Peter

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

## God's People Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit & Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Please remain seated.*

### **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

### Prayer of Assurance

### Opening Hymn **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** (Voices United 345)

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*Music: anon. Philadelphia 1824, alt.*

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- 1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice,  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends,  
the helpless he defends,  
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!
- 3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er  
let all God's love adore,  
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

### A Time To Wonder

Anthem Thy Will Be Done, Lord

*by Joyce Elaine Eilers*

### Listening for God's Word

### Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Matthew 16:21-25

### Reflection "I'm Fixed Upon It"

### Hymn **When We Seek Language** (More Voices 49)

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- 1 When we seek language to praise you, O God,  
all we can utter seems stale, tame or odd.  
Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find  
phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:  
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,  
cosmic companion who loves without end,  
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,  
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

- 2 Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,  
living among us on earth, seen and heard,  
teacher and healer whose promise came true,  
dying and rising to make all things new:  
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,  
cosmic companion who loves without end,  
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,  
keener than insight, and stronger than death.
  
- 3 To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,  
you sent your Spirit to stay by our side,  
source of community, wellspring of prayer,  
power to strengthen, and courage to dare:  
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,  
cosmic companion who loves without end,  
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,  
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

### Responding to God's Grace

#### Presenting Our Gifts

Choral Response    *Please stand in body or spirit.*  
**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 & The Lord's Prayer

### Parting Hymn            **The Church's One Foundation** (Voices United 331, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

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- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us  
that we might ever be  
his living servant people,  
by his own death set free.
  
- 2 Called forth from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing  
and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing,  
by Christ's own Spirit led.
  
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.
  
- 5 We now on earth have union  
with God the Three in One,  
and share through faith communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

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

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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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.

*The fifth candle of Lent is extinguished.*

Postlude

Pipings!

*by James Southbridge*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Jocelyn Jones  
Lighting of the Christ Candle and Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reading – Ron Childs  
Presenting and Blessing of Our Gifts – Stephen Godfrey  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bob Krueckl  
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group  
Flowers for the service are offered by Barbara Shobbrook  
in celebration of the lives of her mother, Evelyn Shobbrook  
and her mother-in-law, Margery Graham.