

Traditional Worship Service

Jesus Sought Me

February 18, 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring
Out Faith Like Peter

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Julie Kronbach

One: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

ALL: for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

One: We have been found.

ALL: Let us find God in return.

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters.

ALL: AMEN.

3:00 *Lord Speak To Me*

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1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat.

Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats

anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us.

Let us pray together:

1:00 Prayer of Confession

ALL: Loving God,

You call us by name.

You join us in the deep waters of life.

You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.

Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,

for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.

Amen.

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1:00 Words of Forgiveness

Liturgist

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news:

You can make a thousand bad impressions.

You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better.

And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart.

That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

Amen.

0:00 Special Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness," Ann Jolly & Lois Books

0:00 New Members Joining

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 Scripture Readings

Psalm 25:1-10

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer

Lent Breakthrough Prayer:

O God, in the wandering times of our lives, open our eyes to the needs of those around us and help us to find your voice in the ways that we can serve others. Set our feet upon your foundation of love, use our gifts and us gathered here to be a beacon of your hope, and help us to leave a legacy of faith and hope that will reach generations to come. In Jesus' name. Amen.

4:00 Offertory

"Celebration For A New Day," Parker UMC Handbells

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Title: Jesus Sought Me

Pastor: Cody Anderson

**Length
in mins**

1:30 Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us respond to Jesus seeking us out by affirming our faith:

I believe in a God of abundance—

People: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.

Pastor: I believe in a God who comforts—

People: a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”
a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.

Pastor: I believe in a God who invites—

People: a God who says, “Follow me,”
and, “You will be fishers of people.”

Pastor: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

People: a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ’s name we pray.

Amen.

3:00 *He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

54:30

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9:00 Video Tech

Brian Caporale

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