

Traditional Worship Service

Rescue Me From Danger

February 25, 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring
Out Faith Like Peter

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

3:00 Introit
"Waiting," CrossRoads

5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship
John Huffhaker

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
ALL: the courageous and the fearful,
One: the hungry and the hopeful,
ALL: the impatient and the reserved.
One: God welcomes the young and the old,
ALL: the poets and the prophets,
One: the faithful and the tired,
ALL: the curious and the convicted.
One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,
ALL: there is room for all to gather here.
One: This is God's house.
ALL: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

3:00 *Eternal Father Strong To Save*
#2191 TFWS, vs. 1-3

1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:
In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits.
Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.
Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.
And here's what I mean:
In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.
This is our moment to crawl out of the boat.
So friends, let's be like Peter.
Join me in being courageous.
Join me in truth-telling.
Join me in prayer.
It's time to get our feet wet.
Let us pray together:

1:00 Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God,
There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.
In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.
Forgive us for doubting ourselves.
Forgive us for doubting you.
Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.
With hope in our hearts we pray,
Amen.

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in mins**

1:00 Words of Forgiveness

Liturgist:
Family of faith,
You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place.
No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging.
Fearful or brave,
faithful or doubting,
Christ is always walking toward you.
So hear and believe this good news:
God's love is stronger than any storms.
On our best days,
and on our worst days,
we are seen, forgiven, and loved.
God is always walking toward you.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

3:30 Special Music

"Come Flood This Heart of Mine," Chorale

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families
Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:23-31

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

"Wherever You Are," CrossRoads

1:00 *Doxology*

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20:00 Message

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33
Title: Rescue Me from Danger
Preacher: Pastor Laura Rainwater

1:00 Affirmation of Faith

ALL: I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.
I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.
I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.
I believe in a God who knows my name.
I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.
Amen.

3:00 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

60:30

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9:00 Video Tech
Brian Caporale

FOH Audio Tech
Ryan Aldridge