

Traditional Worship Service

I'm Fixed Upon It

March 10, 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring
Out Faith Like Peter

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

3:00 Introit

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5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Michael Oldham

One: On our worst days,

ALL: God is good.

One: On our best days,

ALL: God is good.

One: When life is consistent,

ALL: God is good.

One: And when life turns on its head,

ALL: God is good.

One: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

ALL: God is good. God is here. God is love.

One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

3:00 *O Worship The King (Lyons)*

#73 UMH, vs. 1, 3, 4

1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:

There's a moment in our scripture today when Jesus turns to Peter, named "the rock" of the church, and says, "Get behind me, Satan!"

I don't know about you all, but that's a pretty bad day for Peter.

It's a pretty bad day when Jesus calls you Satan!

Fortunately, this absurd moment comforts me with the knowledge that even Peter made mistakes.

Peter, who was given the keys to Heaven. Peter, Jesus' right-hand man, made mistakes just like me.

And still, Jesus chose him.

Knowing that, let us speak honestly with God. For even on our worst days, we belong to God, and that will never change.

Join me in prayer—

1:00 Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy God,

We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.

Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.

We want to hold your world in our hands.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity.

Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.

Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many.

Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

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1:00 Words of Forgiveness

Liturgist:

Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels in,
no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God,
no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged,
or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change—
we worship a God of grace.

Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Pour water into the baptismal font as you speak the following lines.¹

God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine.

We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven.

Now follow Peter, and go be the Church in the world.

3:30 Special Music

"Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs," Chorale

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

0:00 Special Music

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," Kids Ukulele Choir

1:00 Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

"Motherless Child," Traditional Spiritual, Soloist Becky Green

1:00 *Doxology*

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20:00 Message

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-23

Title: I'm Fixed Upon It

Preacher: Cody Anderson

1:30 Affirmation of Faith

One: I believe in a God of second chances,

ALL: a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

One: I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

ALL: Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

One: I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

ALL: This change is holy and important work, although challenging.

When fear and scarcity plague me,

or when the impossible feels out of reach,

I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

ALL: Amen.

3:00 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

61:00
