

Traditional Worship Service

Teach Me

March 17, 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

Liturgist: Rick Kucera

One: Why are you here?

ALL: I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.

One: I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

ALL: Why are YOU here?

One: I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,

with a fire burning in my bones.

ALL: We see that in you! You're in the right place.

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

One: Let us worship God.

ALL: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

3:00 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

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1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:

Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus:

"What does the parable mean?"

"Where are you going?"

"How many times should we forgive?"

Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was full of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn.

So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning.

Let us pray:

**Length
in mins**

1:00 Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy God,
We long to be lifelong learners.
We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.
Instead, we often live as if we know best.
We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher."
Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.
Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.
Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.
Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters.
With hope and humility we pray, Amen.

1:00 Words of Forgiveness

Liturgist:
Family of faith,
When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus responded with abundance.
That abundance exists for you as well.
No matter what you have done or left undone,
no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning,
God's abundant grace exists for you. God's love will never run out.
So hear and rest in this good news:
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are invited to serve.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

3:30 Special Music

"For The Beauty of the Earth," Parker UMC Handbells

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 119:9-16

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

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," Parker UMC Handbells

1:00 *Doxology*

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20:00 Message

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-22
Title: Teach Me
Preacher: Pastor Laura Rainwater

**Length
in mins**

1:00 Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

ALL: "How many times should I forgive?"

"Jesus, where are you going?"

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Pastor: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

ALL: "Where does it hurt?"

"What do you need?"

"How can I help?"

Pastor: We believe that God is a teacher.

ALL: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

"Here I am."

"Send me."

Pastor: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

ALL: with all our heart,

with all our mind,

with all our strength.

Pastor: We believe. Help our unbelief.

ALL: In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

3:00 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

60:30
