

# Traditional Worship Service

Praise the Mount

March 3, 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: Rev. June Webster

One: If you ask the sky who God is,  
ALL: the sky will tell you of God's reach.  
One: If you ask the day who God is,  
ALL: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.  
One: If you ask the night who God is,  
ALL: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.  
One: "The heavens are telling the glory of God." Are you listening?  
ALL: We are listening!  
We will sing of God's glory.  
One: Let us worship Holy God.

3:00 ***Immortal Invisible***

#103 UMH, vs. 1-3

1:00 **Call to Confession**

Liturgist:

In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter said, "You are the Messiah."

Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered?

Did he respond loudly and with confidence,  
or with a tentative whisper?

We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we  
speak to God, when we speak, God is listening.

So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with  
conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love.

Let us pray together:

1:00 **Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Holy God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—  
trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

**Length  
in mins**

**1:00 Words of Forgiveness**

Liturgist:  
Friends,  
Whether you speak to God  
in a whisper or with clear conviction,  
with questions or with answers,  
with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat—  
God will always listen with love and mercy.  
So rest in this good news:  
regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God.  
You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven.  
Speak that good news with confidence. Amen.

**3:30 Special Music**

"Be Exalted O God," 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 19

**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**

"How Firm a Foundation," Paul Ijames

**1:00 *Doxology***

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**15:00 Message**

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20  
Title: Praise the Mount  
Preacher: Pastor Laura Rainwater

**2:00 *For The Bread Which You Have Broken***

#614 UMH, vs. 1, 2, 4

**10:00 Communion**

**3:00 *Just As I Am (Woodworth)***

#357 UMH, vs. 1-3

**1:00 Benediction**

**2:00 Postlude**

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