

Traditional Worship Service

Here's My Heart

April 7, 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: Grace Evans

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said,

ALL: "Follow me."

One: Jesus said,

ALL: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

One: Jesus said,

ALL: "Forgive seventy times seven."

One: Jesus said,

ALL: "Feed my sheep."

One: In response, we say:

ALL: "Here's my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above."

One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

3:00 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:

For the last seven weeks we have been following the life and faith of Peter. Despite being one of Jesus' most loyal disciples, Peter still made mistakes. He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving and cautious.

Friends, we're a lot like Peter.

Despite our faith, we make mistakes.

Despite our belief, we carry unbelief.

Despite our love, we can cause hurt.

So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives.

God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple.

God's grace reaches all the way to us.

Let us pray:

1:00 Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God,

Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.

Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.

Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

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1:00 Words of Forgiveness

Liturgist:

Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter's word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

You see, the last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, "I do not know that man." So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance.

So rest in this good news.

Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

3:30 Special Music

"In Remembrance," Chorale

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:30 Scripture Reading

JOHN 21:1-19

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

Different Breakthrough Prayer:

ALL: Holy God, as we have celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we ask that you breakthrough our lives, helping raise us up from what holds us down, as your faithful people here at Parker UMC. May our witness of the resurrection be a beacon of Christ's love to our community. Amen.

4:00 Offertory

"O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus," Piano Solo, Paul Ijames

1:00 *Doxology*

15:00 Message

Title: Here's My Heart

Preacher: Pastor Laura Rainwater

1:30 Affirmation of Faith

Let us respond to the Good News of Jesus in our lives by professing our faith together:

ALL: We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.

We believe in a God who cares for God's people—
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.

We believe in a God who took on flesh—
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.

We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.
And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.

10:00 Communion Liturgy & Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**Length
in mins**

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.
Amen.

3:00 *In The Garden*
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1:00 **Benediction**

2:00 **Postlude**

66:30
