

WANDERING HEART

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

GATHER

*Processional Hymn: *How Great Thou Art* 77

*Greeting

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 19)

If you ask the sky who God is,
the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,
the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,
the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God"

Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

*Collect

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you – you who are already with us. Help us to see who you are and whose we are. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: *He is Lord* 177

ENCOUNTER

Scripture: Matthew 16.13-20

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Kids Minute

Message: *Here at the Peak*

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?"
Church, what do you say?

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend— with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley.

Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

TRANSFORM

Invited to Christ's Table

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

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.

*Doxology 95

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*Please stand in body or spirit.

BLESS

*Benediction

*Hymn of Joy: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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WORSHIP ENDS | SERVICE BEGINS

Announcements

Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, March 4:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC), Horizons 1pm (FLC), Just for Kix, 4 pm
- ◆ **Tue, March 5:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC); Bible Study, 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm Trustee & Hospitality meeting
- ◆ **Wed, March 6:** Confirmation 1:30 pm, Coffee Time, 3pm, JAM & Meal, 5:30pm, 6:00 pm Finance meeting, 7:00 pm Council meeting
- ◆ **Thurs, March 7:** AA Meeting, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Sun, March 10:** Adult Sunday School, 9 am; Worship & Communion, 6pm Boy Scouts

✚ Lenten Mission – UMCOR Noisy Offering March 24

How many faucets in your home (inside AND outside!)

The total is the magic number of coins/dollars to add to YOU Mission Cup this week. Still need a cup? Pick one up, along with a Faith Map & Lenten Devotional, near the church office. This special offering makes UCMOR response at home & around the world possible!

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Praise the Mount

I have stayed quiet before.
I have held my tongue
while passing mountains.
I have slipped my hands deep into pockets,
despite the music that invites me to dance.
I have glimpsed a new moon and a new love
and have acted as if it was something other than a
complete, God-given miracle.
But not today.
Not today.
Today I will dance.
Today I will tap my toes all the way to heaven's gates.
Today I will point out every shade of gold and periwinkle
that we pass.
Today I will talk about my faith like we talk about the
weather—
early and unprompted, comfortable and unashamed.
Today I will tell you that God did such a good job with
freckles, willow trees,
and your entire being.
And I will not be embarrassed by my own conviction.
I will not swallow my praise.
I have stayed quiet before,
but not today.
Today I will sing.

By Rev Sarah Speed

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10:00 AM