



# Wandering Heart

*"Jesus sought me"*

## First Sunday in Lent



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024 10:30 am



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## In Preparation for Worship

“I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!”

— *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
*arr. Mark Looney*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: Come in. Feel your feet firmly grounded.

People: **For Christ is here.**

Leader: God never stops seeking us.

People: **Let us find God in return.**

### Opening Hymn\* 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

### Prayer of Confession\*

Loving God,

You call us by name.

You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,

and yet, more often than we’d like to admit, over and over again, we stand slack-jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,

for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.

Hear now also the prayers on our earnest hearts...

*(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness\*

### Song of Praise 582\*

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

*Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents of children in Kindergarten or younger, will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.*

## Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide  
Mark A. Miller

Chancel Choir

## Sermon

Steadfast

Michael Sanchez

## Affirmation of Faith\*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in a God of abundance—  
a God who sees possibilities where we cannot,  
and who holds onto hope when we are at the end of our rope.  
We believe in a God who comforts—  
a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”  
a God who joins us in life’s deep waters.  
We believe in a God who invites—  
a God who says, “Follow me,”  
and, “You will be fishers of people.”  
We believe in a God who seeks after us relentlessly and persistently—  
a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.  
We believe, O God, help our unbelief. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Moment for Outreach

Nancy Moore

## The Offering

Étude Op. 8, No. 8  
Alexander Scriabin

*All are invited to participate in support of God’s work at Saint Luke’s, in one of three ways:*  
1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.  
2) Give online via [slpres.org/giving](https://slpres.org/giving).  
3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

## Closing Hymn\*

You Sought Me  
*Anna Strickland*

My\_\_\_ bones and\_\_\_ head were bent down low  
A\_\_\_ chance en - count - ter\_\_\_ by the lake  
I\_\_\_ tried to\_\_\_ tell you, "Leave me be—  
When I be - gin to\_\_\_ doubt my worth

When you ap - proached me on your own  
I thought this must be some mis - take  
I'm not sure what you see in me."  
Re - mind me I was formed from earth

You sought me\_\_\_ out\_\_\_ and called my name  
That some - one\_\_\_ wrapped in hol - i - ness  
And yet you\_\_\_ chose my net\_\_\_ to fill  
The ve - ry\_\_\_ good cre - a - tion of

My life would nev - er be the same  
Would wil - ling - ly em - brace this mess  
With all my faults you call me still  
My God who seeks me out in love

## Benediction\*

## Choral Amen\*

## Postlude\*

More Love to Thee, O Christ  
*arr. Joshua Evanovich*