



Wandering Heart

*"Rescue me
from danger"*

Second Sunday in Lent



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024 10:30 am



In Preparation for Worship

“We follow Jesus not just to be saved or to go to heaven; we follow Jesus because it’s worth it.” – *Unknown Preacher*

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

People: the courageous and the fearful, the impatient and the reserved,

Leader: the poets and the prophets, the faithful and the tired.

People: Wherever we are on our journey,

Leader: wherever our boat is at sea,

People: there is room for all to gather here.

Opening Hymn* 401

Here in This Place

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God,

There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.

In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves.

Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.

With hope in our hearts we pray,

(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

Carol Hickey

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

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

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Festival Ringers

Sermon

The Fact of the Matter

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in a God who moves toward us when storms rage.

We believe in a God who invites us to be brave.

We believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

We believe in a God who knows our names.

We believe in a God who saves.

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.

The Offering

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Paul Basler

Chancel Choir

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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.
3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Closing Hymn* 184

Calm to the Waves

Chancel Choir—first time
All—second time

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Kyrie
arr. Fela Sowande

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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