



Wandering Heart

"Praise the mount"

Third Sunday in Lent



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 3, 2024 10:30 am



In Preparation for Worship

“How we identify Jesus will impact the way we interact with one another and with the earth.” – Mitzi Smith

Prelude

Fantasy on “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
arr. Dan R. Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: If you ask the sky who God is, the sky will tell you of God’s reach.

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

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

People: Wherever we are on our journey,

Leader: Are you listening?

People: We are listening! We will sing of God’s glory.

Opening Hymn* 22

God of the Sparrow

Prayer for the Day*

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.

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.

With hope in our hearts we pray, 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

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 120 for “Frolic” (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3’s.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home..

Sermon

The Rock

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

**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.**

Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Trevor Manor

Chancel Choir

Moment for Thornwell

Joseph Murrey

The Offering


Build My Life

Sydney Moss, Cooper Waller, &
Wells Waller

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirb Kaple, Matt Redman, & Pat Barrett

Closing Hymn*

Here at the Peak



Here at the peak I _____ clear - ly _____ see
Here I pro - claim the _____ truths I _____ know
Here my Cre - a - tor _____ stands en - fleshed
Here at the peak you _____ clear - ly _____ name

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All of the pie - ces _____ you've laid _____ out
Be - yond the know - ledge of this _____ world
In - fin - ite glo - ry _____ here con - tained
Who you cre - a - ted _____ me to _____ be

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And in this brief though time - less _____ peace
Truths plant - ed deep with - in my _____ bones
Hum - ble and rug - ged, _____ sim - ply _____ dressed
I - den - ti - fied not _____ by my _____ shame

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Such clar - i - ty oc - cludes my _____ doubts
Brought to the light as gold un - earthed
Sav - ior of all on earth to _____ reign
But by the gifts you gave to _____ me

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Polonaise Op. 40, No. 1
Frédéric Chopin