



Wandering Heart

"Teach me"

Fifth Sunday in Lent



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024 10:30 am



In Preparation for Worship

“If you can find it in yourself to forgive, then you are no longer chained to the perpetrator.” – *Desmond Tutu*

Prelude

Go to Dark Gethsemane
arr. Victor Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Why are we here?

**People: We are seeking God with our hearts,
with our entire minds,
with a fire burning in our bones.**

Leader: We are in the right place.
This is God's house. The door is open to you.

People: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn* 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God,

We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.

Instead, we often live as if we know best.

We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.”

Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.

Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.

Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.

Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?”—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters.

With hope and humility, 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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

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

Estos Les Digo
Kinley Lange

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Be Reconciled

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

“How many times should I forgive?”

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

“How can I help?”

We believe that God is a teacher.

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

with all our heart,

with all our mind,

with all our strength.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ’s name we pray, 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

We Are Sowing
Henry A. Tuckett & Catherine A. Tibbitts

Morgan Potts

Closing Hymn* 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Ubi Caritas
Norah Duncan IV

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

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