



Farragut Presbyterian Church

Wandering Heart

"I'm fixed upon it"

4th Sunday of Lent ~ March 10, 2024 ~ 9am



* indicates standing, if able.

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~We Gather~

Prelude

Come Alive (Dry Bones)
Musical Ensemble

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Greeting

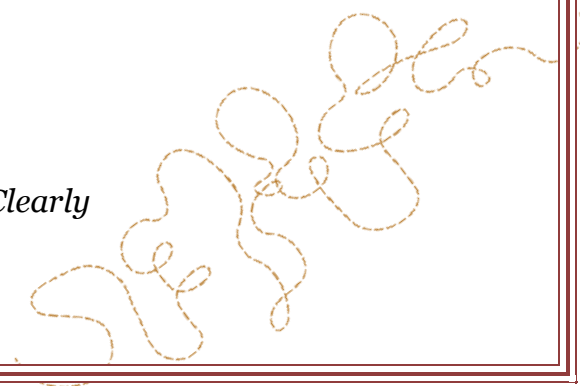
Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship


On our worst days, **God is good.**
On our best days, **God is good.**
When life is consistent, **God is good.**
And when life turns on its head, **God is good.**
Day and night, Monday through Sunday,
God is good. God is here. God is love.
Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

*Opening Songs

Be Thou My Vision/I Can See Clearly
and
The Way




Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) $Gm7$ (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

I can see clearly now the rain is gone; I can see all obstacles in my way.

Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind.

It's gonna be a bright (bright) bright (bright) sunny day



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon it" | MATTHEW 16:21-23

The Way

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Ithamar Conkey, 1851

Faith - ful - ly I learned to fol - low Step by
Life was ea - sy, faith was sta - ble Then the
Thread by thread my faith un - rav - eled When the
Though the way leads through steep can - yons I sur -

step and not to stray March - ing on with
path - way climbed up - hill Life got hard -
way be - came un - known So - lid ground er
ren - der my con - trol Christ is still my

proud bra - va - do Claim - ing Je - sus as the way
past the cra - dle Je - sus Christ I fol - lowed still
way to gra - vel So I cling to Christ a - lone
sure com - pan - ion As the path be - fore un - folds

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***Prayer of Confession**

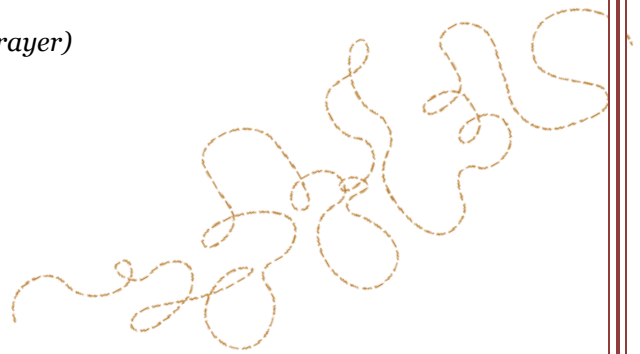
**Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world
that does not make sense.
Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"
We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.
We want to hold your world in our hands.
Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations
instead of curiosity.
Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.
Forgive us for fixating on one truth,
when we could open ourselves up to many.
Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.
With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.



~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

John Begovich

**Listening God,
If we could attach ourselves to you, we would.
We would scribble your scripture onto our tender hearts.
We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being.
We would bind ourselves to you, but instead, we wander.
Instead of attaching ourselves to you,
we find ourselves swept up in the business of the day.
Like a seesaw of faithfulness, we move back and forth, up and down,
constantly trying to find you in the midst of it all.
So speak clearly to us now.
Quiet the distractions long enough for us to affix ourselves to your good news.
We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Matthew 16:21-23**

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**John Begovich
Rev. Matt Nieman**

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

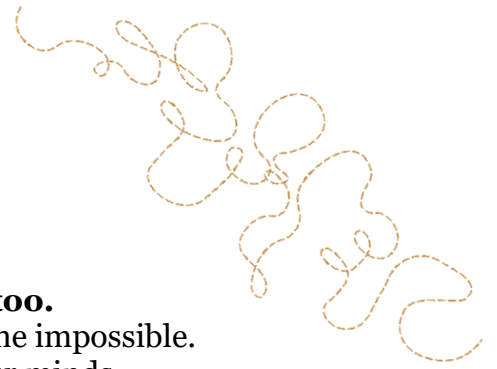
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~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith –

I believe in a God of second chances,
**a God who sees through my stubbornness
and holds my fear with tenderness.**
I believe that this God of second chances
uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.
Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.
This change is holy and important work, although challenging.
**When fear and scarcity plague me,
or when the impossible feels out of reach,
I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.**
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.



Musical Reflection

Do It Again
Musical Ensemble

Furtick/Redman/Brown/Brock

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Gifts of Women Sunday

Mikie Lancaster

Litany of Gratitude and Celebration

One: For the gifts of women throughout the ages,
All: we give thanks.

One: For the ways that they have shown up—from
Shiprah and Puah to Miriam and Hagar, from Deborah and
Jael to Ruth and Rahab, to Vashti and Esther,
All: we celebrate you.

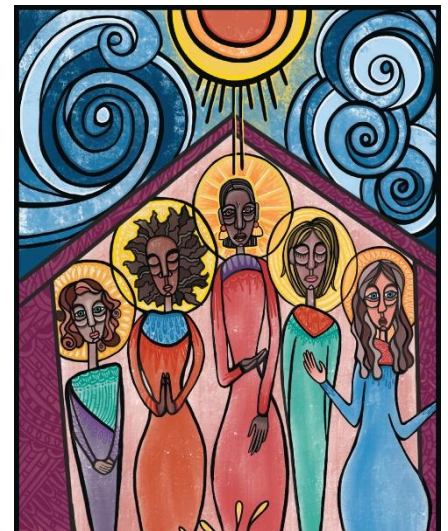
One: For their courage and strength, resistance and rest,
wisdom and subversiveness,
All: we celebrate you.

One: For Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah, we
recognize your groundbreaking advocacy,
All: we give thanks for you.

One: For Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Elisabeth, her cousin; we see your brave faith,
All: we honor you.

One: For Jephthah's daughter and the Benjamite's concubine, for Leah and Peninnah and all
the women who have been reduced to their reproductive abilities,
All: we give thanks and honor, for you are so much more than that.

One: For Mary Magdalene, Martha, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, Rhoda, Dorcas, Tabitha, and the
countless unnamed women of the sacred texts,
All: we center you from the margins and celebrate you.



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One: For mothers, aunts, wives, daughters, sisters; for all the women—in every walk of life, throughout all space and time,

All: we give thanks. We celebrate you. We honor you.

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Call for Giving

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**



~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

My Feet Are On the Rock

I Am They

Verse 1

I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock

Verse 2

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock

Chorus

When I feel my hope_ a - bout to_ break.____ I will cling to
3 Your_ un - chang - ing_ grace.____ Let the wa - ters come_ and the earth give. way._
6 _ I'll be danc - ing in_ the rain._____ My feet are on_ the Rock. Oo.. Oo..

Verse 3

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground

Bridge

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the Rock

Ending

My feet are on the Rock Oo Oo
My feet are on the Rock

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*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's music ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Bruce Wilson, vocals
Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion

The FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary today is given by:
Frank Dorman & family in loving memory of Cathy Dorman

Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

Our 2024 Lenten Series is

"Wandering Heart -

Figuring out faith with Peter"

from Sanctified Art.

The worship series focuses on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out – just like us. A digital version of the accompanying devotional booklet is available at: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>.

If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the office and we can print one for you.



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Beseeching

by Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23

"God forbid it!
Says Peter to Jesus.

In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality.

I'm fixed upon it:

Fermata

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In music, the fermata symbol represents a prolonged note or a pause. After learning Jesus would suffer and die, Peter rebukes Christ saying, "this must never happen to you". Jesus rebukes Peter right back, knowing he cannot yield on his journey of nonviolence and love. The fermata represents how Peter is fixed on how he wants things to go, but Jesus calls him to stop and get behind him. The symbol also looks like an empty tomb, which is foreshadowed in this story.

Open Hands

We are born with the ability to wrap our fingers around another, to hold tight to what we know.
Maybe that's where the instinct comes from—this clinging, this sinking, this holding on.
Maybe that's why Peter cries, "Never!" when Jesus must leave.
From the very beginning we've known how to hold tight.
So I pray: open up my hands. Uncurl my fingers one by one.
Loosen the grip that I hold unyielding.
Remind me that birds must fly and children must grow and leaves must fall.
And even though we are born with the ability to hold tight,
we can learn how to love with open hands.

~written by: rev. sarah speed | sanctifiedart.org |



2024 FOODIES DATES !! March 16 ~ May 4 ~ July 13 ~ October 26th

Save the dates for Foodies dinners this year and join us for fun, food and fellowship! Foodies meet in small groups and prepare designated recipes. Sign-up in the narthex or contact Pat Hickman with questions.

The first dinner is March 16th and the menu will include:

- appetizer - Chips and Guacamole
- entrée - Cedar Plank Salmon
- sides - Artichoke Rice Casserole
Grilled or Baked Asparagus
- dessert - Strawberry Shortcake



SPECIAL THANKS

to Gale Montgomery, Feb. coordinator
Gayle Williams, Margo Gregory, and
Kelly Schueler for volunteering to feed the
hungry last month. If you would like to
volunteer to prepare/serve a meal to the
homeless at Volunteer Ministry Center
downtown on Tuesday, March 19th,
contact March coordinator, Linda
Scothorn, or sign up in the narthex.



Be sure to mark
your calendars
for these
wonderful
upcoming
concerts here at
Farragut
Presbyterian
Church this
spring!

Sunday, April 07
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger,
harp

Sunday, May 05
UT Contemporary
Acappella Ensembles



SAVE THE DATE!

Posies for the Pantry

fundraiser proceeds benefit:



APRIL 27TH-9AM TO 1PM

Community churches supporting the pantry:
Faith Lutheran~Concord Methodist~Farragut Presbyterian
First Baptist, Concord~Grassy Valley Baptist



Come support our church-sponsored
Boy Scout Troop #444
at their annual
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

Saturday, March 23
between 5pm and 8pm
in Fellowship Hall



Admission Ticket is \$10/person and includes:

Spaghetti (meat, vegetarian or gluten-free), Bread, Salad, Drink, and Dessert

Join them for Dine In or Carry Out!

You can pay at the door or call the church office to purchase tickets in advance.

So we have enough food and seating for the Palm
Sunday Brunch, kindly RSVP at:

<http://tinyurl.com/FPC-PalmSundayBrunch>,

use this QR code, or email the church office.



ATTENTION GOLFERS! The 2024 FPC golf season will begin at Avalon Golf Course on April 3rd. Tee times will start at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the year. The cost is \$35/person and includes 9-hole greens fee and cart. This enjoyable group gathers at the club grill afterwards for good food, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in playing, please contact Wayne Walls for more information.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Bill Nelson, Dee Robinson, Jim Rich, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

BEREAVED:

The family of FPC member Kathryn Robinson
The family of John Duffy, brother of Mary Lutz





PALM SUNDAY, March 24

One worship service at 10am with Children's Palm Processional followed by a Congregational Brunch in Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28

Worship Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary or at home

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgoodfridayprayervigil>

EASTER SERVICES, March 31

9am Casual and 11am Traditional worship services with Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10am

EASTER EGG HUNT- SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 10AM:

All are invited to join us for a joyful Easter egg hunt for the children following the 9:00 casual service on Sunday, March 31st. Donations of a dozen filled plastic eggs (treats, prizes, and candy without nuts kindly requested) will be graciously accepted in a container in the narthex in advance of the event.

Families with participating children are encouraged to RSVP at <https://signup.com/go/akNWnJx> or let Mason Warren know at masonwarrem@fpctn.org by March 24th so we have plenty of eggs and bags for everyone.



This Week at FPCC

Sun, Mar 10	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Mar 11	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	4:30	p.m.	Stephen Ministry/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
Tues, Mar 12	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee/Library
Wed, Mar 13	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Mar 14	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Fri, Mar 15	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	FOODIES
Sat, Mar 16	6:00	p.m.	



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