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# ~The Gathering~

**PRELUDE** 

## *Ubi Caritas* Tami Newsom, organ

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Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 19)

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is.

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)

Are you listening?

We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680, Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt., Music: Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665. The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press. Public domain.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*Prayer of Confession

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.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

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.

(please continue in silent prayer)

\*Kyrie eleison #82

O Lamm Gottes

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer, And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer; Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, Jesus!

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*Gloria Patri #81, verse 4

St. Flavian

Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over-past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

\*THE PEACE

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

# ~The Word~

ANTHEM

In the Cross of Christ I Glory FPC Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Johnson

Holy Word, for generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives. For generations people have whispered, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God." For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds, we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst. So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 19

[Pew Bible pg. 498]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The heavens proclaim your glory, O God, and the firmament shows forth the work of your hands.

Day unto day takes up the story and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet their span extends through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world. (R)

There you have placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, rejoices like a champion to run its course. At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun; to the furthest end of the sky is its course. There is nothing concealed from its burning heat. (R)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Matt Nieman

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Pew Bible pg. 18]

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Praise the Mount" Rev. Matt Nieman

# ~The Response~

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you?
Who do you say that I am?" Church, what do you say?
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.

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"
Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision Chancel Choir Douglas Wagner

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #339.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## ~The Eucharist~

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

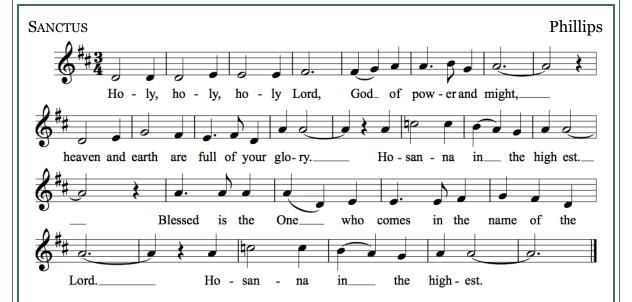
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

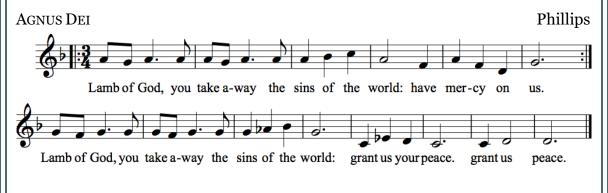
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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# ~The Sending~

\*Song

## Here at the Peak

Hamburg



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## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*Congregational Response #85 What Wondrous Love Is This Wondrous Love

# What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

\*Postlude

#### Abide With Me

**Robert Hobby** 

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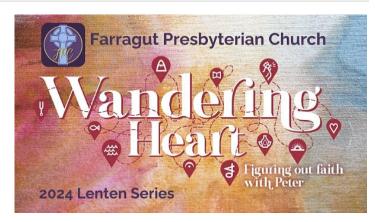
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Our 2024 Lenten Series is "Wandering Heart Figuring out Faith with

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: <a href="https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/">https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/</a>. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the office and we can print one for you.



# Prajse the Mount:

Mountain Peak THE THIRD SUNDAY INLENT

Peter has a moment of clarity and professes Jesus to be the Messiah. Jesus affirms Peter's proclamation by saying Peter is the rock upon which he will build his church and that Peter will be given "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:19). A mountain peak represents this moment of clarity and affirmation along Peter's wandering journey.

# Who Do You Say That I Am?

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Matthew 16:13-20

# Prajse the Mount

I have stayed quiet before.

I have held my tongue while passing mountains.

I have slipped my hands deep into pockets,

despite the music that invites me to dance.

I have glimpsed a new moon and a new love and have acted as if it was something other than a complete, God-given miracle.

But not today. Not today.

Today I will dance. Today I will tap my toes all the way to heaven's gates.

Today I will point out every shade of gold and periwinkle that we pass.

Today I will talk about my faith like we talk about the weather—

early and unprompted, comfortable and unashamed.

Today I will tell you that God did such a good job with freckles, willow trees, and your entire being. And I will not be embarrassed by my own conviction.

I will not swallow my praise. I have stayed quiet before, but not today.

Today I will sing.



## TODAY, Sunday, March 03 at 4pm! Virginia Men's Glee Club

## Sunday, April 07

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

## Sunday, May 05

UT Contemporary Acappella Ensembles

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



Save the Date! <u>FOODIES</u> will meet on March 16<sup>th</sup> for their first dinner of 2024. <u>Menu will include</u>: Chips and Guacamole, Cedar Plank Salmon, Grilled or Baked Asparagus, and Strawberry Shortcake. Contact Pat Hickman with questions. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, contact March coordinator, Linda Scothorn, or sign up in the narthex.



### 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 <a href="https://signup.com/go/akNWnJx">https://signup.com/go/akNWnJx</a> or let Mason Warren know at <a href="masonwarrem@fpctn.org">masonwarrem@fpctn.org</a> by March 24th so we have plenty of eggs and bags for everyone.



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

http://tinyurl.com/FPC-PalmSundayBrunch, use the QR code, or email the church office.



## Prayers for our Church Family:

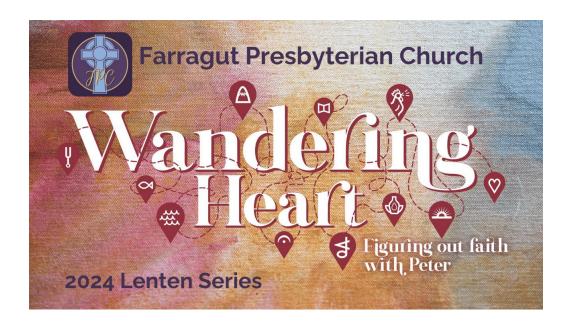
Lois Burris, Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Bill Nelson, Jim Rich, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

# This Week at FPC

Sun, Mar o3	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services		
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	4:00	p.m.	<u>University of Virginia Glee Club Concert</u> /Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Mar 04	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Tennessee Valley Player Auditions/Sanc., Rm A, Narthex
Tues, Mar o5	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers Support/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
Wed, Mar o6	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Mar 07	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Mar o8	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

# Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Room D	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and will meet under the trees in good weather and in Room D in not-so-good weather.
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	During Lent, we will examine aspects of Peter's discipleship as part of our "Wandering Heart" Lenten series.
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.







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"To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, be disciples of Jesus Christ and share the Good News."

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