

**Sewickley United Methodist Church**  
**March 17, 2024**



**Wandering  
Heart**

**Figuring out faith  
with Peter**

The title 'Wandering Heart' is rendered in a large, elegant, serif font. The word 'Wandering' is on the top line and 'Heart' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by a network of dotted lines that connect various religious icons. These icons include a key, a mountain, a book, a person with a cross, a heart, a fish, a chalice, a sun, a location pin, and a cross. The overall design is artistic and thematic, suggesting a journey of faith.

**Order of Worship  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE .....Erik Kolodziej

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why are you here?

**People: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.**

Leader: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

**People: Why are you here?**

Leader: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

**People: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
Robert Robinson and Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music ..... No. 400 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*Please stand in body or in Spirit

INTROIT ..... “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Amy Grant, Michael W Smith and arr. by Keith Phillips ..... No. 601 (v 1)

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. <sup>10</sup>I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. <sup>11</sup>I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. <sup>12</sup>I praise you, O Lord; teach me your decrees. <sup>13</sup>I have recited aloud all the regulations you have given us. <sup>14</sup>I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches. <sup>15</sup>I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. <sup>16</sup>I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God;

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD ..... “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Fanny J Crosby and William H Doane ..... No. 351 (v 1, 3, & 4)

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

*Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

3. Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

*(Refrain)*

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

*(Refrain)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ..... “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Chris Tomlin ..... Erik Kolodziej

\*DOXOLOGY ..... No. 95

\*PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE ..... “Wandering Heart: Teach Me”

\*PARTING HYMN ..... “It Is Well with My Soul ”

Horatio G Spafford and Philip P Bliss ..... No. 377 (v 1, 3 & 4)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Refrain)*

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Refrain)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE ..... Erik Kolodziej



**TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS**

PASTOR..... Rev. Hannah M. Loughman  
LITURGIST ..... Lynn Colosi  
MUSIC ..... Erik Kolodziej  
CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR ..... Kelly Herman  
A/V ..... Eric Johnston and Susie Moffett  
NURSERY ..... Amanda Pelphrey  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ..... Diane Dripps and Archer Dripps  
USHERS ..... Debbie and Joe Consoli