

Sewickley United Methodist Church
March 31, 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 letters are a light beige color with a dark red outline. A network of dashed lines connects various religious icons, creating a path that weaves through the letters. The icons include a key, a mountain, a book, a hand holding a cross, a heart, a fish, a chalice, a sun, a mountain, a cross, and a heart. The overall design is artistic and thematic, suggesting a journey of faith.

Order of Worship Easter Sunday

PRELUDE “Christians Celebrate and Sing”
Lloyd Larson SUMC Singers and Turner Avila on trumpet

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People: But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen today.

*OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
Charles Wesley and Lyra Davidica No. 302 (v 1, 3 & 4)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! .
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! !
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*APOSTLE'S CREED No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please stand in body or in Spirit

INTROIT "Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ"
Richard Hillert SUMC Singers and Turner Avila on trumpet

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 16
A psalm of David. ¹ Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge. ² I said to the LORD, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." ³ The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them! ⁴ Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods. ⁵ LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. ⁶ The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance! ⁷ I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. ⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. ¹⁰ For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. ¹¹ You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "Up from the Grave He Arose"
Robert Lowry No. 322 (v 1, 2, & 3)

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.

He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Living Hope"
Phil Wickham SUMC Singers and Richard Fairlie on Guitar

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE "Wandering Heart: And I Hope"

*PARTING HYMN "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"
William M James and Henry T Smart No. 304 (v 1, 2 & 3)

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
 For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
 When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

***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 “The Trumpet Shall Sound” from Handel’s Messiah
 arr. By Harrison Oxley..... Turner Avila, Trumpet

**A special thank you to our Guest Musicians Richard Fairlie and Turner Avila

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS

PASTOR..... Hannah Loughman
 GUEST MUSICIANS Turner Avila and Richard Fairlie
 LITURGIST Carole Ford
 MUSIC Erik Kolodziej
 CS WORSHIP COORDINATOR Kelly Herman
 A/V Todd Loughman and Ginny Heinzl
 NURSERY Amanda Pelphrey
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH Andrea Lewis and Owyn Loughman
 USHERS Debbie and Joe Consoli