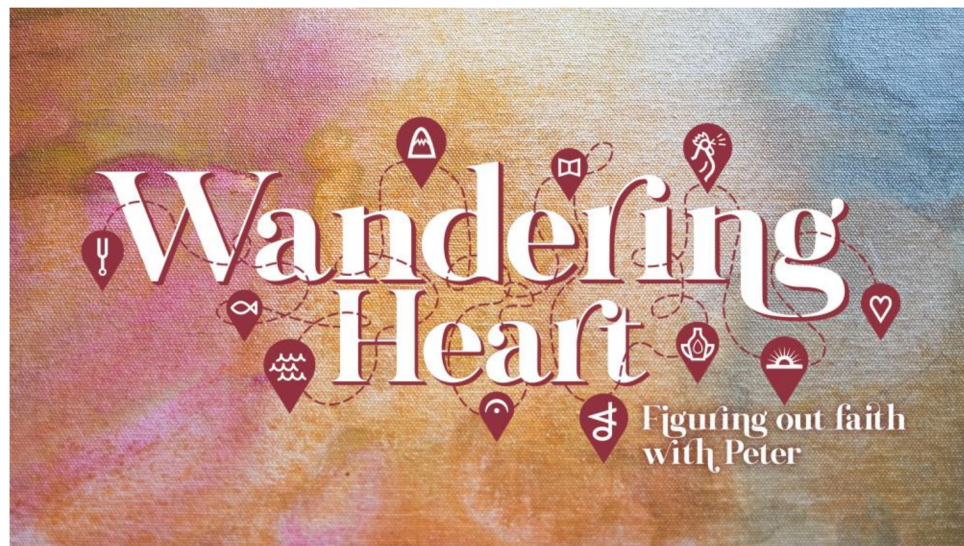


## Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024



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Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "The Church in the Wildness"  
Jack Jeffe, Viola

Call to Worship ♦

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**the courageous and the fearful,**

the hungry and the hopeful,

**the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the old,

**the poets and the prophets,**

the faithful and the tired,

**the curious and the convicted.**

Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

**there is room for all to gather here.**

This is God's house.

**Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

Prayer of the Day A Lenten Prayer by Henri Nouwen  
Please, Lord, be with us at every moment and in every place. Give us the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, We will be able to taste with joy the new life that you have prepared for Us. Amen.

\* Hymn #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

Call to Confession ♦

In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ. Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats. And here's what I mean: In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God. This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer. It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession ♦

**Gracious God, There are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness ♦

Family of faith, You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or

doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith ♦

**I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave. I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.**

Faith Formation Moment

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Mallory  
Handbell Choir

\* Doxology (Hymn #606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

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.**

Prayer for Illumination ♦

Holy God, There are days where the wind is loud. There are days where the rain tears through the trees and the storms of life beg for our attention. So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts. Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear, *really hear*, your message to us today. With one foot out of the boat, we pray, amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:23-31

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.



27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before  
him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

30 **Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.**

Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

ymn #838                      "Standing on the Promises"                      Promises

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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**Lay Reader:** Mimi Baruch      **Audio Tech:** Chuck Radloff  
**Audio Visual:** Jeff Cooke, Ken Mettler, David Wheeler  
**Children's Worship Table:** Children are invited to the Children's  
Worship Table after the Faith Formation to enjoy this week's Children's  
Worship booklet and/or any of the other quiet activities in the Children's  
area.

Gail Alvaro, **Ajit Banerjee**, Billings Family, Jason Bradley\*, Eliza Brown, **Al Burgess**, **Jim & Willa Burns**, Jasper Casey, John Chappa, **Hal Childs**, Pete Cooper, Dickiesons Family, **Joe Digby\***, William Downs, Patrick Floyd\*, Clarisa Gibson, Hadley Gray, Stanley Hannum\*, **Pete Harrison**, **Bob Johnson**, **Gene Johnson**, **Javan N. Jones\***, **Kathy Jones-Mills**, **Jennifer Kaczmarek**, Lucas Kelly, Brady Klefman, Bruce Lee, **Florence Lyman**, Marissa Mallicote, **Trudy Manen**, **Marilyn Millar**, **Gloria Martin**, **Judy Mascenic**, **Bobbi McCarthy**, Sue McCarthy, **Tom & Carol McGovern**, Declan Mitchell\*, Pam Mitchell-Hess, **Pat Olson**, Joseph C. Orr\*, William Patterson, **Ed Peart**, **Helene Read**, Bradford Robinson, **Norma Rogero**, Ian Samuel, Jennifer Sheringham\*, Sara Shoreland, **Diane Simmons**, **Bonnie Slager**, Michelle Smith, Annemarie Thompson, **Ryan Tugas\***, **Tony & Doris Valenti**, **Mick Walker**, Monique Warmington, Norma Warwell, **BJ Waugaman**, Todd Whipper, Ben Whitenack, **Matthew Winternheimer\***, **Theodore Winternheimer\***, **Kenny Wittmer**

If someone is in need of prayer, please let the church office know.  
Those listed in bold are members of the church and the asterisk indicates active military service.

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| Happy Birthday | Joe Markiewicz | 2/26 |
|                | Dalton Connors | 2/28 |
|                | Walter Schaaf  | 3/2  |

An Adult Bible Study – Sunday Mornings, Before and After Worship, February 18 – March 17, 2024; This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the steppingstones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

Communion will be celebrated at Trinity next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

9AM or 11AM "Finding Our Way" Adult Bible Study

10:00 AM      Worship Service

11:00 AM      Kids Choir (Music Room)

11:30 AM      Trinity Troopers (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

6:00 PM      Youth/Young Adult Fellowship (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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| 9:30 | AM | Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)               |
| 5:00 | PM | Youth Choir (Music Room)                           |
| 5:30 | PM | Deacon's Meeting (Kepler)                          |
| 6:15 | PM | Cub Scout Pack 281 (Mehaffey, Youth Rooms, Calvin) |
| 6:30 | PM | CCPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                         |

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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| 2:00 | PM | Finance Committee (Kepler)         |
| 6:30 | PM | Scout Troops 281 & 4281 (Mehaffey) |

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Mehaffey)

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**  
10AM-12PM Librarian on duty (TPC Library)  
5:20 PM Youth Choir (Music Room)  
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
6:30 PM ALANON Meeting (Calvin)

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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| 7:00 | PM | NA Meeting (Calvin)   |
| 7:30 | PM | AA Meeting (Mehaffey) |

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
ALL DAY      Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner (Mehaffey)

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Sacrament of Communion*  
 9AM or 11AM "Finding Our Way" Adult Bible Study  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Kids Choir (Music Room)  
 11:30 AM Trinity Troopers (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)  
 6:00 PM Youth/Young Adult Fellowship (Mehaffey & Youth Rooms)

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