



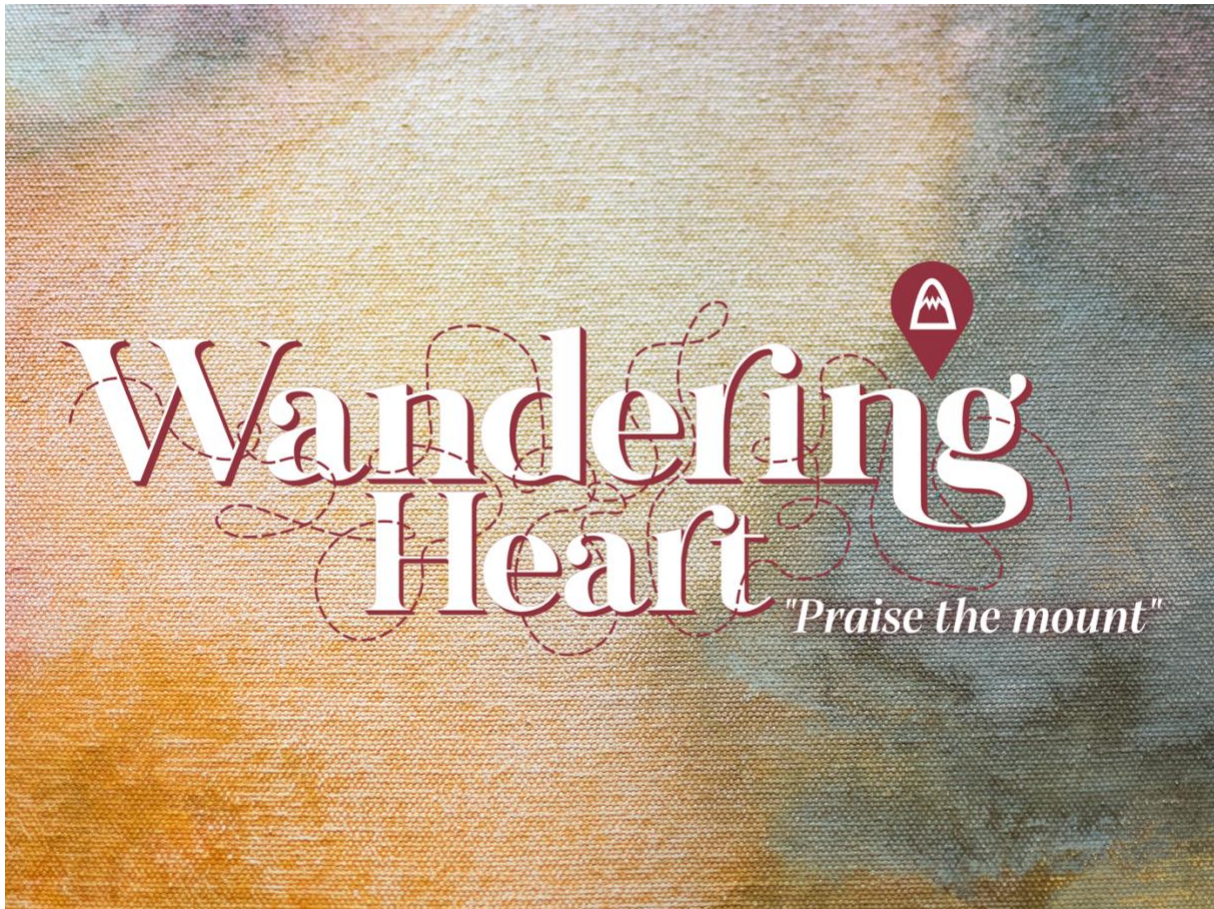
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Welcome To Worship

March 3, 2024

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Prelude:** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit ~ Tippe Musicians*

✧ **Introit** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* (verse 2 – song sheet)

✧ **A Lenten Ritual of Candle Unlighting 205** *Ubi caritas*

As we sing, one candle among our Lenten candles is extinguished. With each week of Lent, yet another of the candles will be extinguished. (The Christ candle remains lit.) The dimming of light during the season of Lent reminds us that this 40-day journey is leading to the cross of Good Friday. The Christ candle returns Easter morning.



✧ **Welcome**

Community News

- **March 10 “Pulpit Swap”** – Pastor Trish will preach at Bay View United Methodist Church and share about our Divine Intervention ministry. Pastor Jerry Cho of BVUM will preach here at Tippe! We warmly welcome Pastor Jerry, who also serves as one of our Divine Intervention pastors every Friday.
- Save the dates - Holy Week worship opportunities in Bay View:
 - **Maundy Thursday** service **Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm** at **Grace Presbyterian Church, 2931 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue**
 - **Good Friday** service **Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm** at **Bay View United Methodist Church, 2772 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
Surely God is in this place,
Holy Ground!



✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

Praise 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.

By Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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.

✧Gathering Hymn 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

✧ **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. Amen.

✧ **Prayer for Illumination**

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.

✧ **Theme ~ Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount** ~ *Observing the Lenten Season and celebrating as a gathered community the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper*



Mark 1:4-11

1:4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 1:5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

1:6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 1:7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 1:8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

✧ Proclaiming the Word

✧ Hymn 490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



✧ Baptism

◇ Presentation

◇ Profession of Faith:

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**ALL: I believe in God the almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Sovereign,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of God,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

◇ Thanksgiving over the Water:

The Sovereign be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

◇ The Baptism

◇ Greeting Penny

◇ Welcome:

Penny has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL: With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in Christ's ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

◇ The Peace

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

All: **And also with you**

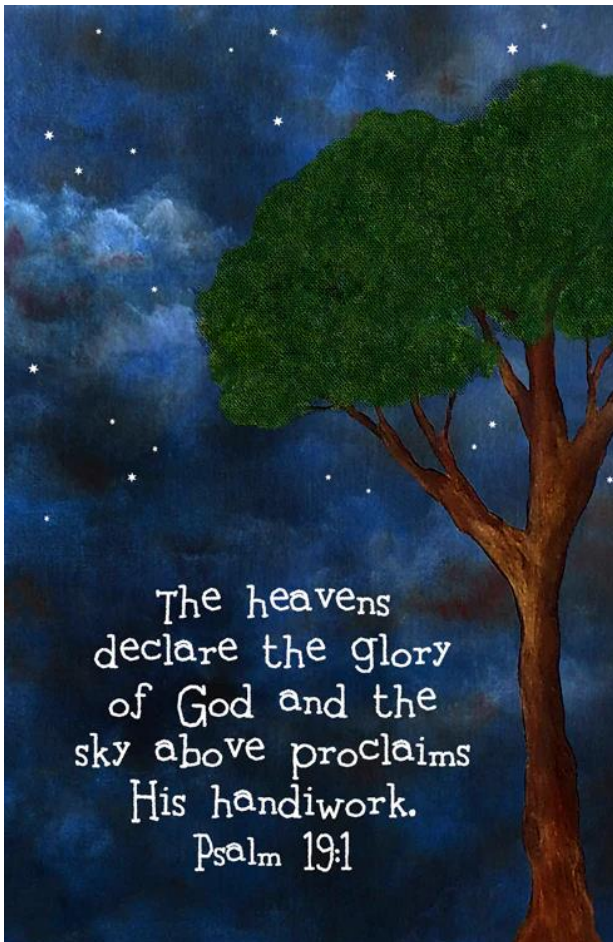
One: Thanks be to God

◇ **Hymn This Little Light of Mine**

◇ **Prayer of Intention**

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

◇ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**



Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his
handiwork.

2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares
knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there
words;
their voice is not heard;

4 yet their voice goes out through all the
earth,
and their words to the end of the
world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the
sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom
from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course
with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the
heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Matthew 16: 13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

✧ Pastor's Reflection

✧ **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.”

✧ **Our gifts of support**

God of the wilderness,

We lift up offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We lift up offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.

We lift up offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

✧ **Hymn 527 Eat This Bread**

✧ **Words of Invitation and the
Breaking of the Bread ~
Communion of the People**



Welcome

Immanuel, God with us. This isn't only true at Christmas. In the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper we celebrate that Immanuel is true in every moment of our lives. Immanuel is the promise that one day God with us becomes us with God - for every moment of eternity.

In baptism, we experience the Incarnation recognizing that as Jesus' body was put to death, so too are the things that separate us from God. Whether we come to the font as an infant or as an adult, God's "yes" to us is the same.

As we come up out of the water, we experience the resurrection of Christ as we become God's new creation - a member of the household of God. In baptism, we are clothed in Christ, and Christ lives in us. We celebrate Immanuel.

In the Lord's Supper, we experience the Incarnation as we remember that Jesus shared food and drink with his disciples. In the same way, Jesus is with us as we share the bread and the cup. In this meal, we celebrate that we - the Church - have become the Body of Christ. We embody Immanuel.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✧**The Lord's Prayer**

"Beloved,
our Father and Mother,
in whom is heaven,
hallowed be your name,
followed be your royal way,
done be your will and rule,
throughout the whole creation.

With the bread we need for today,
feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one
another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,
Strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure,
spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil,
free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love,
Now and forever. Amen."

From 'Human Rites' by Ward and Wild

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, in you, we who are many become one. In the sharing of the cup and loaf and the remembering of our baptism, strengthen our relationships with you and one another. Lead us as your people so that we may join you in your good work. Let us be faithful to your call. Amen.

✧ **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.

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

✧ **Our Response:**

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.

✧ **Postlude 488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry (v4)**

~ **Tippe Musicians**

Communion liturgy adapted from the work of Rev. Michelle Henrichs and her book, "Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God"



