



Wandering  
Heart   
"Jesus sought me"

## **All This Time**

I put my headphones in.  
I walk quickly.  
I look toward the ground.  
I create one million barriers  
of independence,  
but still God seeks after me.  
God leans a rainbow over the sky.  
God sends sun after the rain.  
God blankets the earth with wildflowers.  
God allows music to carry  
and laughter to rise,  
all so that I might notice.  
And when I do notice,  
the unfurling that begins in my soul  
is slow and holy and burning.  
I am not alone.  
God has been chasing after me  
all this time.

— Rev. Sarah Speed

*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,  
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love  
by word and deed to all people.*

*Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6*

# The Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

## Gathering Music

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN;  
Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan,  
Music by Johann Sterling

“From the Nets of Our Labor”

HAMILTON;  
Words by Mary Louise Pringle,  
Music by John R. Kleinheksel, Sr.

“This Is the End”

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2018

“Reckless Love”

by Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver,  
and Ran Jackson

## Prelude

“Blessed Jesus at Your Word”

Pam Weis

arr. Lindell Leatherman

## Welcome

Steve Rose

## † Call to Worship

One: Come in.  
Feel your feet on the floor.  
Settle your worries.  
Take a deep breath.  
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.  
Relax the tension in your jaw,

**All: for Christ is here.  
God never stops seeking us.**

One: We have been found.

**All: Let us find God in return.**

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters.  
Amen.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## Opening Song

“Wandering Hearts”  
Christian McIvor, Heather Choplin,  
Cathy Perkinson, and Michael-David Rowe

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On this road we walk together, through the bends, the twists and turns,  
Let us to your love be tethered by a faith that for you burns.

In the valley, on the mountain, in the water and the wind;  
Lord, your mercy, like a fountain, flows for us from deep within.

Chorus:

On this journey, we'll live into who you're calling us to be;  
Every high and low we're shaped through, bind our wandering hearts to thee.  
Bind our wandering hearts to thee.

All our flaws and imperfections, our whole selves, Lord, you embrace.  
As our paths lead all directions, tune our hearts to sing your grace.

As the planets go on spinning, we will learn with each new day;  
You're in every new beginning and in you, we find our way.

(Chorus)

Bridge:

As our story keeps unfolding, for your justice we will speak.  
Onto you, Lord, we are holding and your kin-dom we will seek.

(Chorus)

*During the last stanza of our Opening Song,  
all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.*

## Children's Sermon

April Alston

## † Centering Song

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

BEACH SPRING; Words by  
Robert Robinson (alt.), Music from  
*The Sacred Harp* harm. James H. Wood

**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 God's unchanging love!**

## Call to Confession

Christian McIvor

### Prayer of Confession

Loving God,  
You call us by name.  
You join us in the deep waters of life.  
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,  
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.  
Over and over again, we stand surprised  
to find you in our midst.  
Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.  
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.  
Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,  
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.  
Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### Offertory Anthem

"Come, Thou Fount"  
GBC Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

#### † Lenten Doxology

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD;  
Words by G. W. Dub Shepherd,  
Music by Twila Paris

Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.

#### † Prayer of Dedication

Sammy Roberts

#### Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 5:1-11

Bob Millikan

#### Sermon

"Jesus Sought Me"

#### Invitation

April Alston

† **Hymn of Response**      “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”      KELVINGROVE;  
Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule,  
Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**Celebrating Community**

Christian McIvor

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Meditation on Galilee”**  
Cynthia Griesedieck

by John Johnson

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