



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wandering Heart

"I'm fixed upon it"

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to linger and focus our attention on one passage of scripture along with poetry and art inspired by it. In the silence of reflection your Wandering Heart is invited to rest and wonder.

PRELUDE

Pequé, Pequé, Dios Mío
(O God of Love, Have Mercy)

Traditional Mexican melody
setting, Charles Callahan

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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PSALMODY	PSALM 141	4-7
	<i>(Group I –Organ Side; Group II –Good Shepherd Side)</i>	

PRAYER

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

I'M FIXED UPON IT

Matthew 16:21-23

A reading from Matthew.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

A bell will mark the beginning and end of this time of silence. During this time, you are invited to ponder using the poetry and art inspired by this gospel reading that are included on your insert or focus on one of the following questions. Where does your wandering heart take you?

- Jesus shares a hard truth with Peter that challenges his faith (Mt. 16:21-23). What truths or events have challenged your faith?
- How are you growing right now? Are you experiencing growing pains?
- What is a good thing in your life that you cling to?
- In this season, what are you learning?
- What do you need to hold loosely?
- When and how have you changed your mind?
- God's plans do not always align with our plans. What does this teach us about God? About us? About faith?

OFFERING OF MUSIC
Amazing Grace

W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
arr. Cindy Blevins

THE MAGNIFICAT
LITANY AND PRAYERS
FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

Now the Day Is Over

ELW 570

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

Hans Walter-Peterson, cantor

Sue Cardinal, flute

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Lent and Holy Week at Bethlehem

Wednesdays in Lent

6 – 6:45 pm – Simple Supper

Each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall we will host a simple supper of one-pot dishes.

Please sign-up using the [Sign-Up Genius](#) on the BLC website or the kiosk in the Narthex to bring your one-pot wonder or other accompaniments...or just show up to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Check the Star for details or ask Mark Finke.

7 pm – Holden Evening Prayer, in person and livestream

Share in a beloved liturgy as we worship, pray, and reflect on a small portion of the previous Sunday's text in community.

Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week we follow Jesus' journey from his triumphal entry into the city to a desolate cross to an empty tomb.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 at 8:55 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Noon (in person and livestream) – Individual Absolution and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

6 pm – *New format!* – Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we will begin worship with a shared meal around tables in the Fellowship Hall and end in silence in the sanctuary after the altar is stripped

Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm

**Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:55 am (in person and livestream)
and 11 am (in person only)**

Easter Breakfast served 9:45 – 10:45 am