



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wandering
Heart
"Teach me"

Wednesday, March 20, 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

Meditation

(RATHBUN)

Ithamar Conkey
setting, Robert J. Powell

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

p. 2

EVENING HYMN

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EVENING THANKSGIVING

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PSALMODY

PSALM 141

4-7

(Group I –Organ Side; Group II –Good Shepherd Side)

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.

TEACH ME

Matthew 18:15-22

A reading from Matthew.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." ²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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?

- What questions would you like to ask God?
- Where in your life are you hungry to be a student? What would you like to learn more about?
- Who in your life models healthy curiosity? What can you learn from them?
- When you hear Jesus' disciples call him "Teacher," what does it tell you about God? What does it tell you about us?

- When in your life have you received grace? How did it impact you?
- Is there anything you need to forgive yourself for? If so, how do you find forgiveness for yourself?
- God’s plans do not always align with our plans. What does this teach us about God? About us? About faith?

OFFERING OF MUSIC

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

source, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony* 1816

arr. Jane Morale

THE MAGNIFICAT

pp. 8-9

LITANY AND PRAYERS

10-11

FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN	God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven	ELW 564
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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:

Dr. Jim Jefferis, cantor

Sue Cardinal, flute

Jane Morale, violin

Glen Zagorski, guitar

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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.

*This service provides an embodied opportunity for people of all ages to be fed by the gathering of Christ's followers, the food we share, and the meal of Holy Communion before moving towards the solemnity of Good Friday. **Would you contribute to our worshipful dinner?** Sign up in the Narthex or online to bring a main dish, side dish or salad, or fruit. Beverages will be provided.*

Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm (in person and livestream)

**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