Lenten Sermon Series 2025

Wandering Hearts: Figuring Out Faith With Peter

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out — just like us.

We hear echoes of Peter's faith journey in the lyrics to the beloved hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. Like many of us, Peter had a wandering heart. His journey was not perfect, but he was always tethered to the love of God — reminding us that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. Like Peter, we keep searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes along the way. Both Peter's and our own stories assure us that God loves imperfect people — in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

Lent is the season of pondering the times we've wandered into unfaithfulness. As we ponder, we repent to turn our wills back toward God that we might "tune our hearts to sing God's grace."

Ash Wednesday — March 5

Labyrinth Prayer Walk Noon and 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall Wandering Heart: Tune My Heart, Lord

First Sunday in Lent — March 9

Wandering Heart: Jesus Sought Me Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 25:1-10

Second Sunday in Lent — March 16

Wandering Heart: Rescue Me From Danger Matthew 14:22-33, Psalm 22:23-31

Third Sunday in Lent — March 23

Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount Matthew 16:13-20, Psalm 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent — March 30

Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It Matthew 16:21-23, Psalm 107

Fifth Sunday in Lent — April 6

Wandering Heart: Teach Me Matthew 18: 15-22, Psalm 119

Palm/Passion Sunday — April 13

Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise/Prone to Leave John 12:12-16, John 18:1-27

Maundy Thursday — April 16

Wandering Heart: Streams of Mercy John 13:1-20

Easter Sunday — April 20

Wandering Heart: And I Hope Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter — April 27

Wandering Heart: Here's My Heart John 21:1-19