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River of Grace by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing



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The Lenten Theme

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' disciples, Peter. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. As we read the faith journey of Peter, we often see ourselves. Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We want to affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people...just like us.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Greeting of Worshipers

Rev. Susan Reed

The Passing of the Peace

Rev. Susan Reed

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Chiming

Jonathan Oblander

The Processional of Cross and Light

Blake Smith and Hazel Langlands

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

Prelude on ST. PETER, George Oldroyd

The Call to Worship

Rev. Amanda Langlands

We believe in a God who invites us...**a God who says, "Come, follow me."**

We believe in a God who comforts us...**a God who says, "Do not be afraid."**

We believe in a God who is with us...**a God who joins us in life's deep waters.**

We believe in a God who seeks after us... **a God of boundless grace and mercy.**

We believe in a God who calls us by name... **We believe, help our unbelief. Amen.**

*The Hymn

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, No. 45

The Call to Confession

Rev. Robert Gammon

In our scripture for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat and tells him to head toward the deep water. Together, they let the nets down and only when the boat threatened to sink did Peter turn to Jesus and realize who was in his boat. Sometimes, we too miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately for us, Christ keeps crawling back into our boat. Let us confess our sins together, not out of fear, but out of a desire to follow Christ more closely.

The Unison Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Gammon

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 not we find ourselves acting like Peter. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tread deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat to be with us. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God. Amen.

The Music Reflection

Jennifer Harberson

Wade in the Water, arr. Grace Christy

The Words of Forgiveness

Friends, Peter did not make a first impression when Jesus got into his boat. Peter questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was and once he realized the Divine Christ was standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. And yet, Jesus called Peter to be a disciple. This is the Good News of the gospel. Christ our Redeemer has forgiven us. Trust and believe. Amen.

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, No. 591

(Children, ages pre-K to 5th grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.)

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Brent Bowden

Luke 5:1-11, p. 47-48

The Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

O Love, arr. Elaine Hagenberg

The Sermon

Rev. Brent Bowden

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Like a River Glorious, No. 594

***The Offertory Prayer**

Robert Dixon

The Offertory

Jonathan Oblander

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ, J.S. Bach

***The Congregational Response**

Congregation

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***The Spoken Benediction**

Rev. Brent Bowden

***The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

Solemn March, Lloyd Webber

Prayer Concerns:

Congratulations to Kevin and Nora Gardner-Sinclair on the birth of their son, Rex Cameron Gardner-Sinclair.

Sympathy to Lesley Lester and family in the death of her step-father, John Thompson.

David Nightingale, health concerns; Claudia Smith, aunt of Zack Sparks, health concerns; James Sparks, uncle of Zack Sparks, health concerns; Shirley Burba, health concerns; Edna Bielefeld, hospice care; Julie Ashmore, daughter of Lou Ann Twyman, health concerns; Esther Adeniran, health concerns; Adrian Lamkin, brother of Middy Judd, health concerns; Dick Brown, health concerns; Chris Larmee, hospice care

Looking Ahead

February 23	Dare to Care
February 24	Kids Night In
February 28	Quarterly Business Meeting
March 1-2	Spring Mission Sale
March 7-9	Habitat for Humanity Baptist House
March 10	Louisville Youth Orchestra Concert
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt
March 31	Easter
April 13	WOM Spring Luncheon
April 21	BAA Recital & Gallery

Dare to Care Warehouse workers

Friday, February 23 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at church in west lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Can eat lunch afterwards. Questions: Mary Jackson (502) 221-0169.

Kids Night In

Saturday, February 24 the Children's Team will be hosting a Kids Night In for all Kids ages 4 - 5th grade! We are having a GLOW WITH GOD party where we will learn about God's great love for all. We'll play games, make crafts and have all kinds of fun. It will take place 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the FLC with a pizza dinner and snacks. Volunteers for this glowtastic event are needed as well. Please contact Rev. Amanda Langlands to volunteer or RSVP.

Wednesday Night Activities Update (February 21 & 28)

Over the next week or so you will see some extra activity around Friendship Hall as we replace the main HVAC system. During this time we are limiting activities in Friendship Hall for safety reasons. Due to this much-needed work, we must cancel Wednesday night dinner, Bible Study, and Children's missions on

Wednesday, February 21. Choir and Handbells will still meet for rehearsal.

The February 28 Wednesday Night Dinner AND Business Meeting will be a little different. Due to the maintenance happening, we are limiting activities in Friendship Hall. We will be in the FLC (Family Life Center) for both the dinner and meeting. For this specific meal, donations are welcome instead of the normal price. We will be serving pizza and salad! RSVP by Monday, February 26 at 1 p.m.

Spring Missions Sale

We are accepting donations through Saturday, February 24. Leave donations in the gym. No donations the week prior to the sale. Volunteers working during the week before the sale can just come at their convenience Monday-Friday.

Once again this year, the youth will sell books and related items. They are also considering hot drinks and snacks. The money they raise goes to the youth program here at Broadway. The missions supported by the rest of the sale continue to be Partners in Development, Zambia and Deaf Teen Quest.

HFH Baptist House 2024

Raise the Roof dates have been set. Those dates are March 7-9, with the first nail being on March 7th at 8:00 a.m. and the Ground Blessing being on March 9 at 11:30 a.m. We will have our pre-construction meeting on February 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Habitat headquarters in the Community Room. At that time, you will have a chance to meet Andrea, learn about the job site and confirm work schedules. Contact Sharon Davis if you are interested in working on any of these 3 days! Sdavis217@gmail.com or (502)-939-4682

Discovery Class

On February 25, and March 3 and 10 at 12:40-2:00 (1st- 5th grade) Rev. Amanda Langlands will lead a class about baptism and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Children will bring lunch. Please register in the Three Things Thursday email.

Love in Action Bins

Each week throughout the school year we pack bags to be sent home on the weekends with students from Chenoweth Elementary who are living with food insecurity. This year we are packing more than 150 bags! Our partnership with Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and the Missions Committee helps offset the cost of food - but we need your help! If you are able - the following food items are useful and can be placed in Love in Action bins around the church:

Ramen noodles, hearty canned soups or ravioli with pull-top lids, Granola Bars (no nuts or peanut butter), oatmeal packets, individual applesauce or pudding cups, etc. If you'd like to join the team helping to pack the bags each week, please contact Susan in the church office or at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

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Rehearsal Schedules for Choirs at BBC

Preschool Music Activity Group: Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the music suite

Children's Choir: Sundays from 12 noon to 12:40 p.m. in the choir room

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the choir room

Chancel Bells: Wednesdays from 6:05-6:50 p.m. in the bell room

Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving. Ways to support the church include gifts by cash, check, automated withdrawal, bank bill pay, or credit card. Consider setting up an ACH transfer on a weekly or monthly basis. It is safe and simple, there are no fees and you can update it at any time. Please find more information on our website at www.broadwaybaptist.org/giving. You may also give by credit card on our website; just keep in mind the church incurs the cost of transaction fees of approximately 3% of your contribution.

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