

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Church, what do you say?

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend— with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.

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**Like Peter, we say,
“Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”**

Current Prayer list:

Philomena Carle (Katherine Cooper’s grandmother), Kenny Welsh (friend of Stan’s; heart issue), Family of Bob Coffman on his passing (Brent’s father)

Continue to pray for: (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cynthia Hansen (Pastor Bryce’s mom, thyroid cancer), Bob Diehl (LeAnn’s brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman’s nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton’s brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens’ brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens’ sister; cancer), Tom McClain (Buck & Helen’s son; health), Thomas/Trail family (friend of Keather’s; serious health issues), Celia Venable (chronic headaches)

Welcome to Hesston United Methodist Church! We are glad you are here.

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Order of Worship

Prelude	"Return To You" (FAPC Chapel Church Music)	
Call to Worship		
Song	Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	UMH 173
Unison Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:13-20	LeAnn Clark
Young Disciples	Michelle Coffman	
Song	Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176
Sermon	Praise The Mount	Rev. Bryce Hansen
An Affirmation of Faith		
Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
Lenten Poetry Reading	Praise the Mount	Celia Venable
Announcements		
Offertory Prayer with Doxology		
Holy Communion		
Song	Come Thou Font*	UMH 400
Benediction		
Postlude		

Accompaniment: A/V

*Come Thou Fount Fun Fact #3 - In the hymn Robert Robinson writes the phrase, "Praise the Mount." But what is this mount? He is referring to the mount of Calvary. The very hill where Jesus died on a cross. May we too fix our eyes on that "Mount" and remember the power of Jesus' self-sacrificing love .

Call to Worship—Inspired by Psalm 19

L: If you ask the sky who God is,
P:the sky will tell you of God's reach.
L:If you ask the day who God is,
P:the sun will tell you of God's warmth.
L:If you ask the night who God is,
P:the moon will tell you of God's comfort.
L:"The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?
P: We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.
L: Let us worship Holy God.

Unison Prayer

Holy Word, For generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives. For generations people have whispered, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God." For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds, we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst. So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, Amen.

Matthew 16:13-20 Common English Bible

¹³Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One is?" ¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. ¹⁸I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. ¹⁹I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." ²⁰Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.



Who Do You Say That I Am? | Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Wandering Heart: "Praise the Mount"



Praise the Mount

I have stayed quiet before.
I have held my tongue
while passing mountains.
I have slipped my hands deep into pockets,
despite the music that invites me to dance.
I have glimpsed a new moon and a new love
and have acted as if it was something other than
a complete, God-given miracle.
But not today.
Not today.
Today I will dance.
Today I will tap my toes all the way to heaven's gates.
Today I will point out every shade of gold
and periwinkle that we pass.
Today I will talk about my faith like we talk about the
weather—
early and unprompted, comfortable and unashamed.
Today I will tell you that God did such a good job
with freckles, willow trees,
and your entire being.
And I will not be embarrassed by my own conviction.
I will not swallow my praise.
I have stayed quiet before,
but not today.
Today I will sing.

Poem by
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