


# Wandering Heart

*"Tune my heart"*



**University Baptist Church - Charlottesville, VA**  
**Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ**  
**February 14, 2024**  
**Ash Wednesday**

Prelude

*Ah, Dearest Jesus*

Haan

*We use this time to awaken us to the presence of God,  
alert us to the voice of Christ, and center us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.*

*Tune My Heart  
(reflection during prelude)*

*Tune my heart. Like an old violin,  
like a worn down piano,  
I have been left out in all manners of weather;  
I have been left alone for far too long.  
So like a concertmaster with a steady hand, tune me up.  
Listen and learn the cracked keys, the broken strings.  
Memorize the forgotten intervals that even I did not know.  
And then, when we're ready,  
when this creaky heart is tuned,  
teach me a new song.*

Opening Words

Rev. Susan Deal

## Call to Worship

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness.

In your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins,  
for I know my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.**

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments.

**Purge me from my sins, and I shall be pure.**

**Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord.

(silent prayer)

Give to us the joy of your saving help again,

and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.

**Open my lips, O God, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

\*Hymn 475

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6 (p.787)

Christina Mundell

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Homily

The Many Sides of Lent

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Celebration of Our Lord's Supper

Imposition of Ashes

*Lent is a time for us to return to our Creator who formed us from the dust of the earth. Our lives are finite,  
so we want to spend every precious moment in tune with God,  
living whole, abundant lives—the kind of lives we were created to lead.  
And so in recognition of our origins in the earth, in acknowledgment of our finite days,  
we come to receive ashes and remember: dust we are, and to dust we shall return.*

\*Hymn 166

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

\*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

Beloved wanderer,  
as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.  
May you look for God in every face.  
May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb,  
and to speak of your faith.  
And when the world falls apart,  
may you hear God's voice deep within,  
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."  
You are called.  
You are blessed.  
In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God.  
Go now in peace.  
Go trusting that good news.  
Amen.

Postlude

*Why Are Thou So Cast Down, My Heart?*

Scheidt

Instrumentalists:

Organ/piano: Barbara Moore      Cello: Dan Pinkham

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Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

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serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need  
and offering a vital family of faith.*

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