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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

Caroline Martin and Liam Whitehead

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE, Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

Caroline Martin

God welcomes us to worship this day! **The dreamers and the doubters, the courageous and the fearful.** God welcomes the young and the old. **The curious and the convicted.** God welcomes the ordinary and the extraordinary. **The faithful and the tired.** Whether your boat is at sea or in port, there is room for you to gather here and find refuge in God. **Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey. Amen.**

*The Hymn

Congregation

It is Well with My Soul, No. 519

The Call to Confession

Rev. Amanda Langlands

In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ. This is our moment to crawl out of our boat. Let us be like Peter and be courageous as we seek to draw closer to Christ, by confessing our sins.

The Unison Prayer of Confession

Rev. Amanda Langlands

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us. Days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our boats in fear, spending more energy hiding from the storms than looking for you in the midst of the storm. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.

The Music Reflection

Chancel Choir

Song of the Wanderer, Dan Forrest

The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low; cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home. With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him? Does he hear the fragile song of creatures here below? He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring, wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing. He speaks and winter melts away, he hears us when we pray, turns our nighttime into day- our Light, our Life, our King. Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain, banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain. Earth and sky, lay glory by-Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh! All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow! Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year. With its golden light of love still shining ever clear. From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done, Peace on earth has now begun. To cast away our fear.

The Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Amanda Langlands

Friends, hear and believe the good news: God's love is stronger than any storm. Do not be afraid. We are seen, forgiven, and loved. Thanks be to God!

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Be Still, My Soul, No. 530

(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

Matthew 14: 22-33, pp. 12-13

The Sermon

Rev. Brent Bowden

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Into the Waters, HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Into the waters, timid and unsteady bare feet find purchase in the water's eddies.
Eyes fixed on Jesus while the storm is raging and waves are breaking.*

*But then the winds shift and I let my gaze break. Fear starts to drag me underneath
the lake's waves. In my distress I cry out to my Savior, "Save me from danger!"*

*Safe in the boat I wonder where the fault lies was it the storm or my own reckless
desire, to have control or prove myself as able rather than faithful.*

*Grace for the journey, grace for all my failings grace when I'm sinking, grace when
storms assail me, faith in myself and faith in God's provision not my ambition.*

***The Offertory Prayer**

Tom Wakefield

The Offertory

Jonathan Oblander

Prelude on HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Helmut Walcha

***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

Prelude on HYFRYDOL, Ralph Vaughn Williams

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of John Toma by Carolyn Toma and Robin and Mark Riddle

Prayer Concerns:

Lee Sallee, father of Susan Gammon, health concerns; 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 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 19	Prayer Time in the Prayer Garden
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt
March 31	Easter
April 13	WOM Spring Luncheon
April 21	BAA Recital & Gallery

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 7 at 8:00 a.m. and the Ground Blessing being on March 9 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Sharon Davis if you are interested in working on any of these three days! Sdavis217@gmail.com or (502) 939-4682

Canasta Night

March 8 from 6-9 p.m. in the FLC.

\$5 donation

Heavy appetizers!

Contact Mary Lucy Hook to register at marylucyhook@gmail.com

Discovery Class

On February 25, and March 3 and 10 at 12:40-2:00 (1st- 5th grades) 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

Broadway Arts Academy

Spring Group Classes begin on March 4! We will be offering the following group classes: Acrylic Painting, American Foxtrot Dance, Oil Painting, and Watercolor Painting. It's not too late to join the fun! Register today at broadwayartsacademy.org.

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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We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

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