

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
*Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love.*

11:00 A.M. April 7, 2024

**Wandering Heart:
Take My Heart**

Gathering Music

Prelude

Welcome and Life of the Church

***Call to Worship**

One: *Jesus said,*

Many: "Follow me."

One: *Jesus said,*

Many: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

One: *Jesus said,*

Many: "Forgive seventy times seven."

One: *Jesus said,*

Many: "Feed my sheep."

One: *In response, we say:*

All: "Here's my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above."

One: *Let us worship God with all our hearts.*

***Singing** *Lift Your Glad Voices* HWB 275

Children's Story Puppets

Choir Anthem *I Will Sing Unto The Lord*
James Killion & Joseph Martin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

*Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the
journey of faith.*

*Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our
limited imagination.*

*Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to
you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.*

Words of Forgiveness

***Singing** *My Jesus I Love Thee* HWB 522

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *John 21:1-19*

Sermon *Take My Heart*

***Singing** *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.*

*We believe in a God who cares for God’s people—
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.*

*We believe in a God who took on flesh—
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.*

*We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the
boat, calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of
service and community. And so we give our hearts. We give our
whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.*

***Singing**

Lift High The Cross

HWB 321

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*“Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art
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**CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS PEACEFULLY,
SIMPLY, TOGETHER**

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Ministers: *All God’s People*

Director of Music: *David MacMillan*

Organist: *Crystal S. Brubaker*

Worship Leader: *Nancy Bowman*

Ushers: *Larry and Joani Layman and Steve and Faith Ballew*

Nursery Workers: *Nancy Ralston and Frank Allman*

Caregiving Team Members: *Bruce Bowman, Bryan and Ferral
Quick, Gail Gregory, Marilyn Garber, Pat Phillips, Ernie and
Debbie Landes, and John Wampler*