

March 10, 2024
8:15 AM

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

*Welcome to Worship at
The United Methodist Church in East Greenwich
We're Glad You Are Here!*



When your world unravels and your beliefs are tested, you may cling to what you know. As Jesus foretells his death and resurrection, Peter protests. Peter is fixed upon the way he thinks things should go; he resists the pain of what will come. But Jesus is fixed upon his calling and calls Peter out. For everyone, there comes a time when your faith is tested, and you will have to face difficult and inconvenient truths. We may want to take the easier path, the path with less pain. We may want to cling to easy or simplistic answers. Instead, what does it look like to welcome complexity? Can you stay fixed upon your convictions while also expanding your perspective?

If you have not already connected with EGUMC, please **visit us on the Web at www.methodistchurcheg.org**. You will find **recent worship services, sermons and musical selections** available for podcast. Just click on the link and listen to the sermons on your laptop or home computer. We also have the most recent church bulletins and newsletters, as well as information on past and future events. We'd love to hear your story and answer any questions you may have about the church and the EGUMC community. Give us a call! Or leave a message and we'll call you. Let's connect!

We want to walk with you in the way of discipleship. If you are new to the area, or if you do not regularly attend worship, **we invite you to make your church home with us**. Membership in the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich is open to everyone who wishes to join in covenant with us as we work to be God's people in the world. If you would like to belong to this family of faith, membership packets are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you have any questions, or want to know more about the church, please speak with me or with our Lay Leaders, Don Gray or Leslie Pires. They will be happy to talk with you.

Pastor Thom Blackstone

Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him..."
[Matthew 16:21, 22]

Welcome and Announcements

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Beth Yerger

****Call to Worship**

Kathy Nihill

****Hymn of Preparation**

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

#444

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR THE STORY

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-23

Kathy Nihill

Leader: As we hear what the Spirit says to the Church,

People: **May our hearts be open.**

****Hymn of Proclamation**

"The Lone, Wild Bird"

#2052

Sermon

Pastor Thom Blackstone

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Returning Thanks



Offertory

Beth Yerger

****Song of Thanksgiving**

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

#311, vs. 4

****Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

****Hymn of Response**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

#2241

****Blessing and Sending Forth**

Postlude

Beth Yerger

****Indicates to please stand in body or spirit**

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**The Flowers on the chancel are given to the Glory of God by Karin Lukowicz and John Pierson  
in loving memory of their uncle, Adolph T.S. Johnson**  
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Usher/Greeter ~ John Vitko

Audio Visual ~ Lin Smith