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### Letters to My Church



Jakob Topper  
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Born in 1735, Robert Robinson was an English Dissenter and Baptist who wrote "Come Thou Fount" at the age of 22. By the end of his life, the song enjoyed a certain level of celebrity in England. The lore around the song says that Robinson was traveling by carriage when the other passengers began discussing religion. Without

knowing that Robinson was a hymn writer, they eventually steered the conversation to "Come Thou Fount", and in particular, the lines "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it/Prone to leave the God I love."

How could someone leave the god they love, the carriage passengers asked? It doesn't make any sense another commented. Quietly, in response to the criticism, Robinson intoned, "No, it doesn't. That's why I wrote the song."

After enduring for almost three centuries, we know that those lines are some of the most beloved. Their timbre resonates with many of us who want to live a godly life but know how challenging it can be to actually do so.

Our theme for the season of Lent this year is Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter and each week is paired with a line from the song "Come Thou Fount". If any biblical character personifies what it is to be prone to wander and leave the God they love, then it's Peter. From dramatic displays of loyalty and love to heartbreaking betrayal and fear, Peter experiences the whole gamut of human experience and religious



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devotion. He is the best of us and the worst of us, and there's a Peter living inside of all of us.

Here's what the Sanctified Art Creative Team has to say about the theme:

"This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

"As we were studying Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of 'Come Thou Fount' came to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, for each step in Peter's journey, we have selected a phrase from this hymn. As we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.

"In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows, seeks and wanders. We want to affirm that wandering is exploration, not necessarily distance from God. 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—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

"This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing."

# MEET OUR UNIVERSITY MUSICIANS!



### Riley Berridge

Riley Berridge is new to NorthHaven. She is a Journalism Major and is also working on a Theatre Minor from Kansas City, MO. She loves to dance, make coffee and hang out with her friends.



### Charlie Crawford

Charlie Crawford is a Junior studying Nursing and he is from Dallas. He grew up performing in musical theatre and leading worship at school. He is grateful for being able to worship here through song at NorthHaven.



### Karis Skinner

Karis Skinner is new to NorthHaven and is an Anthropology Major with a Biology minor. She is from Denver, CO. Karis loves ancient history, hiking and all things outdoors.



### Alex White

Alex White is a sophomore Vocal Music Education major from Sapulpa. He enjoys singing and listening to a variety of music and playing sports with his friends.

February 7: Ashton Pascal-Wilson  
February 13: Caskey Stevens  
February 16: Jay Liang  
February 18: Julie Garrett  
February 20: Eleanor Duncan

February 20: Sandi Lasseter  
February 20: Kelly Miller  
February 23: Dominic Leone  
February 24: Sandra Mayo  
February 25: Dawson Lasseter



# NorthHaven Family Ministry

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Monthly Newsletter of NorthHaven Family Ministry

## Volunteer Today!

HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN'S OR YOUTH MINISTRY?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU! VOLUNTEERING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NORTHHAVEN IS A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY! DON'T WORRY IF YOU MISSED THE DARKNESS TO LIGHT TRAINING LAST YEAR, THERE IS AN ONLINE VERSION THAT CAN BE SELF-PACED. CONTACT KAITLYN OR PAMELA FOR MORE INFORMATION!



## March Mission Madness

MARCH 8-10TH, THE YOUTH GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS AND WORK WITH CBF FIELD PERSONNEL KAREN MORROW, MINISTERING TO REFUGEES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. COST IS \$25 PER STUDENT. SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 18TH!

## Lenten Fair

LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND WE HAVE SOME EXCITING FAITH PRACTICE IDEAS FOR YOU TO TRY THIS YEAR! LENT IS NOT JUST A REASON TO GIVE UP SODA, OR CARBS. IT CAN BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADD A NEW ELEMENT TO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!



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