

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ... Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Listen!

People: There is hope to be found here.

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People: God calls you by name here.

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People: There is love that abides here.

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen. God is speaking.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Lord, Who Throughout These

Forty Days

No. 81

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient.

Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and

notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to

gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily

ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your

voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting

caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your

voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds

and help us turn once again toward you.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.


Welcome and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading · Shari Plunkett

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (pg. 4)

 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

For by Grace... Don Wyrzten

Richard Dinwiddie, director; accompanist Sharon Dinwiddie

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 1499)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

"Who will you listen to?"

1st in the Series *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **♪ Hymn of Response · Since the Lord Is My Salvation**
See page 5 of bulletin.

Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings

Imposition of the Ashes

Community Prayer: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so we may remember that by your gracious gift are we given eternal life. Amen.

In this ancient liturgy, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful, with the words, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Pastor Renee will add, "You are a child of God." These two statements let us know the paradox of living – we are mortal, fallible beings in need of God's grace in our lives, and yet, we are children of God loved by an all-gracious God.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * **♪ Closing Hymn · Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God No. 333**
- * **Benediction**
- * **♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace (inside cover of hymnal)**

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ... Flor Peeters