

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

Let Us Break Bread Together ... Dale Wood

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: What is it like to begin again?

**People: It is like flowers in the spring
that push through frozen ground.
It is like babies learning to walk,
one clumsy step at a time.
It is like Nicodemus in the night,
asking Jesus for guidance.
It is like a Sunday morning,
starting our week anew.**

Leader: May we find God in our seeking.
May we learn as we go.

People: May we be brave enough to begin again.

Leader: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
No. 80

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with 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 · Melissa Seaton

Genesis 12:1-4a (pg. 17)

 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ... Kathleen Thomerson,

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17 (pg. 1649)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

"How can we begin again?"

2nd in the Series *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Apostles' Creed (see insert)

Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings

- * **♪ Hymn of Preparation** · Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees
No. 513

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup Shared

You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup when you receive it.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

- * **♪ Closing Hymn** · Since the Lord Is My Salvation
See insert.

* **Benediction**

- * **♪ Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
(inside cover of hymnal)

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter

Lord, I want to be a Christian ... Charles Callahan