



Second Sunday in Lent



seeking:
*How do we
begin again?*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
tune: MORECAMBE, setting by Don Hustad

Dr. Arthur Rinehart, organ

*Invitation to Worship

Jimmy Reynolds

one: Beloved, we come today asking, how do we begin again?

*all: **What is it like to begin again?***

one: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

*all: **May we find God in our seeking.***

one: It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

*all: **May we learn as we go.***

one: It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

*all: **May we be brave enough to begin again.***

one: It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

*all: **Let us worship the God of new beginnings.***

*Opening Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Chalice Hymnal #518

Invocation

Jimmy Reynolds

Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

Chalice Hymnal #259

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"Jesus and Nicodemus"

Judy Nickum

a story based on John 3:1-17 from the Lectionary Story Bible – Year A (page 82)

by Ralph Milton and Margaret Kyle

(told in the Children Worship & Wonder room)

Scripture	Genesis 12:1-4a (Common English Bible)	Nancy Corbin
Scripture	John 3:1-17 (Common English Bible)	Nancy Corbin
Sermon	"How do we begin again?"	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Special Music	"O Lord, Most Holy (Ave Maria)" by Frank Abt	Dr. Arthur Rinehart, organ

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Our Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song	"Begin Again" by Anna Strickland
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Invitation to Stewardship	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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*Doxology	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	Chalice Hymnal #25; v 1
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Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Communion Prayer

Words of Institution	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Communion Response	"Élévation" by César Franck	Dr. Arthur Rinehart, organ
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SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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*Closing Hymn	"Who on Earth Can Find God's Kingdom?" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
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*Blessing and Benediction	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Postlude	"The Joyous Voluntary" by Lowell Mason	Dr. Arthur Rinehart, organ
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