

**March 05, 2023**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m.



**Prelude**

*'Caithness'*

Craig Phillips

**\*Call to Worship**

What is it like to begin again?

**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.**

May we find God in our seeking.

**May we learn as we go.**

May we be brave enough to begin again.

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

**\*Hymn #605**

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

[Tune: Beecher]

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Response**

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

**Welcome**

**Connect Card**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Healey Willan

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Open Thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glory. Thou delightest not in burnt offerings, or sacrifices I would gladly give Thee. A humble heart is Thy desire, O Lord. Despise not a broken spirit.

**Kids' Place** (Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids' Place)

**Prayer**

**Hymn #606**

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

**Scripture**

John 3:1-17

Chuck England

**Message**

"How Do We Begin Again?"

Pastor Cyndi Bloise

**Next Steps**

**Prayer**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*We believe that Jesus died for everyone, that God loves everyone the same, therefore everyone – adult or child - is welcome to share communion with us. You do not need to be a member or a regular attender to participate*

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

**Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

"Begin Again"

[Tune: DIX]

**\*Postlude**

*Meditation on 'Caithness'*

June Nixon

*\*invites worshippers to stand*

Message Notes  
March 05, 2023

“How Do We Begin Again?”

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Seeking: Lenten Series

Pastor Cyndi Bloise

Sermon Notes:

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Next Steps

- Read for yourself John 3:1-21.
- Continue with the devotions provided for this series, whether daily cards or weekly reflections.
- Look for the heavenly things among the earthly things. It may help to write those things down from day to day. Where do you see the kingdom of God around you?

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*The flowers in the chancel are to the glory of God and given by*  
 Reverend Dennis and Kristine Henley in honor of Dennis & Kristine’s birthday.

Participants: Pastor Cyndi Bloise; Pastor Dennis Henley; Benjamin Bugaile, Music and Worship Leader; Don Megahan, Organist/Choirmaster; Chuck England, Scripture Reader

Musicians: Wesleyan Choir

<p><b>Upcoming:</b>          Pastor Greg Cox          8:30 a.m. (traditional)          10:00 a.m. (traditional)          11:00 a.m. (contemporary)</p>	<p><b>Visit our Information Centers for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our monthly news brief</li> <li>• Specific ministry and event information</li> <li>• Opportunities to serve</li> <li>• Reading and devotional materials</li> <li>• Registration forms</li> </ul>
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