

# Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**

**Praeludium in E Minor**

Nicholas Bruhns

Mark Frazier, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**\*Greeting**

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.

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

Leader: May we be brave enough to begin again.

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

**\*Hymn**

**Who on Earth Can Find God's Kingdom**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of new life, you call us into unknown places,

**People: and we bury our heads in the sand.**

Leader: You promise all the stars in the sky,

**People: and we doubt it can be true.**

Leader: You speak of new life in the Spirit,

**People: and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.**

Leader: Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.

**People: Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.**

**Give us the courage to begin again with you.**

**All: Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Wines

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.

No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.

Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Join me in saying:

**People: We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. Amen.**

## Anthem

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Cathryn Neely

Chancel Choir

## Children's Message

## Scripture

**John 3:1-17**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**Seeking: How do we Begin Again?** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Prayer of the People

Rev. Wines

## Offering

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.*

*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website  
and click "Make your online offering."*

## \*Hymn

**God So Loved**

## \*Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

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*Prayer of the People adapted from a lectionary prayer posted on the Brummhart Publishing website*



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