

ONLINE WORSHIP MARCH 7, 2021

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Responsive Reading One: Again and again,

All: We come to this space.

One: Again and again,

All: We gather as a community.

One: Again and again,

All: We move closer to God. One: And again and again,

All: God is here. One: We are met. All: We are heard.

One: We are shown the way.

All: So again and again.

Let us worship holy God.

Hymn #64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession (worship leader prays aloud)

Science tells us that a person makes about 35,000 choices in a day. 35,000 choices each and every day! In the prayer of confession, we pause to take a moment to think and to ask: How many of our decisions are choices God would have us make? How many are not? So let us pray together, knowing that we need guidance, and trusting that even if we fall, God is showing us the way.

Prayer of Confession:

One: God of Justice,

We are guilty of building tables.

All: We have built tables that oppression dines on,

Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.

One: God of Justice,

We are guilty of forgetting where we are, All: Of turning faith into a negotiation tool And the church into a place for insiders.

One: God of Justice,

We are guilty of ignoring the point;

All: For you taught that the temple was for worship

And your message was for all.

One: God of our hearts,

All: Be in our decision making. One: Draw near to our choices.

Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual and Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

All: Forgive our mistakes.

One: And as you do,

All: Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.

One: With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness:

Family of faith,

The good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way.

God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption.

God took on flesh to teach us another way.

God took on flesh to point us to restoration.

God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven.

Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2036* "Give Thanks")

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: John 2:13-22 Message: "Holy Zeal"

Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3098 "Dust and Ashes" v. 1 & 2)

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
Offering of Gifts (follower)

Offering of Gifts (followed by)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

May the gifts we bring be gifts of love. May the offerings we share be offerings of our hearts. May each gift be blessed by your grace, that others may know the truth of your wisdom and your love. Amen.

Communion

Hymn #561 "Jesus United By Thy Grace" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).