

# SANCTUARY WORSHIP

March 7, 2021

## Prelude

“O Lamb of God”

JS Bach

## Welcome

## Introit

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Kristen Bumpas, cantor

arr. Mark Hayes

## Congregational Song

“Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days”

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Today we remember that Jesus ate with sinners and with tax collectors. And so we confess to you the ways we've failed to create similar fellowship around our tables. Too often we ignore your call to be with those who are hurting and despised, choosing instead to prioritize socially advantageous relationships. Too often we seek fellowship only with people who look like we do or think like we do. God, forgive us for the invitations we have not extended and the invitations we have not accepted to be in community with people that this world overlooks and condemns. Remind us that you are at their tables. Give us hearts and wills to be there too. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## Words of Forgiveness

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

## Children's Sermon

Michael Groff

## Scripture

Luke 5:27-32

# Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

## Affirmation of Faith

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Bert Johnson, soloist

arr. Terre Johnson

## Benediction

## Chorale Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

## Postlude

Spiegel im Spiegel