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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

(HOLY MANNA,
American Folk Hymn)
arranged by Joyce Jones

Welcome and Call to Worship

Erin Conaway

One: Beloved child of God, you are welcome here....

Many: We give thanks to God for bringing us into this moment of worship.

One: For no matter who you are or where you’ve been, you matter to God and to us.

Many: Our hearts rejoice and give thanks for all those who have come before us and made a place for us to worship, pray, sing, wonder, doubt, believe, and just be.

One: May the love of God through Christ our Lord convince you of your worth and invitation into this body of believers as we worship together in thanksgiving and hope.

Choral Summons

“Surely the Lord Is in This Place”

Herbert Colvin

Euridice Alvarez Izcoa, *oboe*

Processional Hymn, No. 344

“Glorious Is Thy Name”

Litany of Sharing

Scott Turner

One: There is a story within each of us. It is a river of living carving its way through our years from the bubbling spring of our birth to the vast ocean of eternal life. Most of us don’t think our story is worthy of telling, either by comparison to other stories we’ve heard or because of our shame about some of the places our waters have been.

Many: God, help us to see the glint of your Light in the best of our water.

One: There are seasons in our streams when the waters were running fast and crashing down hard against rocks and limbs—carving a path that will remain long after our waters are gone. There are times when our waters run slow and wide—a gentle, strong current of wisdom and peace. And there are places where our waters have seemed to stop, unable or unwilling to continue on because it hurts too much.

Many: God, give us peace in knowing there is a time and a season for all of these things.

One: If we are not careful, we can miss the life that happens beside all of bends and turns in our journey—trees are fed, fields are nurtured, landscapes are formed and changed, but when we deny the power of our story, when we try to keep it bottled up inside, the world around us is arid and desolate, lonely and isolated.

All: God, give us courage to share our story. For we find in the sharing of our story, a blessed convergence that gives life and light to those with whom we share and to us as we hear their story too. Let us flow out from this place and share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Scott Turner

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5:1-14* Sean Sutcliffe

Epistle Reading *Galatians 6:7-16* Linda McManness

Hymn, No. 586 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Gospel Reading *Luke 10:1-20* Leslie Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Leslie Rosencrans

Offertory “Come, Thou Fount” (NETTLETON, American melody)
arranged by Duane Funderburk

Euridice Alvarez Izcoa, *oboe*
Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.

Doxology, No. 707

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 30

Scott Turner

One: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Many: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

One: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Many: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

One: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

One: By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

Many: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

One: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Many: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

All: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Anthem

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(CRUSADER'S HYMN)
arr. Mark Hayes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown
Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God is Near!”

Erin Conaway

(Luke 10:1-20)

Silent Reflection

By offering people a place where they may engage the steady practice of listening to divine words and celebrating divine sacraments, church can help people gain a feel for how God shows up—not only in Holy Bibles and Holy Communion but also in near neighbors, mysterious strangers, sliced bread, and grocery store wine. That way, when they leave church, they no more leave God than God leaves them. They simply carry what they have learned into the wide, wide world, where there is a crying need for people who will recognize the holiness in things and hold them up to God.

— Barbara Brown Taylor,
Leaving Church, pgs. 165-166

Hymn of Commitment, No. 640

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

In Gratitude for Meals on Wheels

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

“How Firm a Foundation”

(FOUNDATION,
Early American Melody)
setting by David Cherwien

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is David DeLoach.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of our Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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