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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“How Great Thou Art”

(O STORE GOD)
setting by Joyce Jones

Welcome and Call to Worship

Scott Turner

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

“Holy, Lord of Hosts”

Maxcine Posegate

Processional Hymn, No. 332

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Litany of Community

Katie Cook

One: As we gather together this morning we are tempted to view our presence here in Your sanctuary as something good that we have done: another star in our crown or an ‘A’ in spirituality. We can forget that You built this place through the faithfulness of the saints who came before us.

Many: Lord, help us to remember the long line of community in which we stand.

One: We are also tempted to believe either that we have nothing to offer or that our role here is only to help others who are less fortunate in any number of ways.

Many: Ignite in our hearts the desire to give and receive by Your grace.

One: As we feel the blessing of our past and the faith of those who have been here before us, as we remember the joy we have shared as we gave to others and the

blessings we have known as we received from others, let us remember that we are a body of believers—bound together in your love and mercy.

All: Help us to treasure the different gifts we bring to this body, knowing that they are from You, to be used by You as You redeem the world. Draw us closer to one another and closer still to You, O God, our rock and our redeemer.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Katie Cook

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:20-32* Sean Sutcliffe

Epistle Reading *Colossians 2:6-19* Meg Cullar

Hymn, No. 57 “Be Still, My Soul”

Gospel Reading *Luke 11:1-13* Erin Conaway
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Erin Conaway

Offertory “I Surrender All”
Tommy Edds, *piano*
“My responsibility is to obey, to surrender my heart and to yield myself to the will of God. It is in the process of obedience that we gain understanding. You can’t get the peace that passes understanding until you give up your right to understand.”

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 Paula Hoover

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 138

Scott Turner

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Many: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

One: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Many: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

One: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Many: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Anthem

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord,
All ye servants of the Lord.

Ye, that by night stand in the house of the Lord,
Even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And praise the Lord.

Behold now, praise the Lord
All ye servants of the Lord.

Sermon

“Rise Above...”

Erin Conaway

(Colossians 2:6-19)

Silent Reflection

I used to say that if I ever wrote a book, its title would be *Nothing Truly Radical Happens After Age Six, Except Grace*. Grace, that experience of unconditional love, breaks through the whole system and can change anything. All of Christian life could be described as an ever-deeper encounter between our wounded inner child and the

wondrous world of grace. Grace can bring us back to the radix, our roots, and orient us toward the conversion Jesus called for. That's why we say grace is radical. Radical grace empowers us to shuck off the system and become children again: children of God, brothers and sisters to all of humanity.

— Richard Rohr, *The Spiritual Family and the Natural Family*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 424

“At the Name of Jesus”

*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.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Benediction

“Peace I Leave with You”

David W. Music

Postlude

“Tocatta on
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

(OLD HUNDREDTH)
Michael Burkhardt

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Brenda Kirkpatrick in memory of her parents, Marguerite and Early Lokey MD, on the 80th anniversary of their marriage on July 29, 1942.

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

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