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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leslie Rosencrans

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

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers
arr. Kurt Kaiser

Gathering Hymn, No. 590

“The Solid Rock”

Litany of Hope

Harper Hoover

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. Come to soften our fear and untangle the knots of our anxiety.

People: Lord, meet us in this place...

Leader: Come to quiet our trembling and calm our desperation. Come to wipe the tears from our eyes and ease the pains in the bodies and souls of those we love.

People: Lord, meet us in this place...

Leader: Come to gather the broken handfuls of our spirits and shape them into a stronger whole.

People: Lord, meet us in this place...

Leader: Come to resurrect our perspective when we are disappointed. Come to deepen our hurt until we learn to share it. Come and give us the courage we need to accept Your grace.

People: Lord, meet us in this place...

Leader: Come, and inhabit our praise and soothe our hurts for we have gathered together in Your name to remind us all that we are your children.

All: Renew a right spirit within us all and help us find the kind of kinship that can only come when bread and wine are shared, when bodies are healed, when light is proclaimed in darkness, and when we find one another in Your embrace. Meet us in this place.

— adapted from Sharlande Sledge, *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister Greg White

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:12-23

Reverend Anthony Burrus

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Katie Cook

Hymn, No. 273

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Erin Conaway

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Erin Conaway

Offertory

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Don Hustad/Tedd Smith

Carolien Tantra, *piano*

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.*

Anthem

Second Missionary Praise Team

Sermon

Dr. Nika Davis

Silent Reflection

The blessing of God, whose love creates new life and whose fire burns away our impurities, be with you in your journey of life. The blessing of God, whose love has the power to transform our living from old habits into new hope, be with you always. The blessing of God, whose Spirit blesses our spirit with wisdom and vision, embolden you to proclaim the Good News of God’s love to all. Amen.

— Vienna Cobb Anderson, *Prayers of Our Hearts*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 625

“Standing on the Promises”

*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

Congregational Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert H. Malotte

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Carolien Tantra.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of Carolyn and Naymond Keathley as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. For 60 years, they have set an example on how to support and love each other and their family. There has been joy and tears, but mostly a lot of laughter. Mimi and Naymo—you are loved! Much appreciation for all you do and have done for our family—Kevin and Mona, Craig and Molly, Kristen and Josh, Claire, Cody, Rachel, Michael, Megan, Keathley, Carter, and the first great grandchild on the way!

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

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