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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“How Firm a Foundation”

(FOUNDATION)  
Michael Burkhardt

**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**

“E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

**Processional Hymn, No. 425**

“How Firm a Foundation”

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

Jim Kennedy

One: For the safety of our fellowship and the comfort we feel when we see a familiar face and find a way to give ourselves to one another here at Seventh & James, O God, we give you thanks.

**Many: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; the steadfast love of God endures forever.**

One: For the laughter and the joy we hear echoing down our pre-school hallway, for the way we recognize their parents in our growing children's faces, and for the beauty of our teenagers becoming young men and women, O God, we give you thanks.

**Many: O give thanks to the God of gods, for the steadfast love of God endures forever.**

One: For the wisdom and experience of our gray-haired saints, for the glorious praise of our music, for the salty endurance of our missions, for the way we've come to know You in this place, O God, we give you thanks.

**All: We give You thanks our Lord of lords, for Your steadfast love endures forever. Rooted firmly in Your grace, our hearts are thankful.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Jim Kennedy

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20* Stan Wilkes

**Epistle Reading** *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16* Carolyn Wilkes

**Hymn, No. 302** "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 12:32-40* Leslie Rosencrans

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

**Prayers of God's People** Leslie Rosencrans

**Offertory** "Jesus, Lead Thou On" (SEELENBRÄUTIGAM)  
Paul Manz

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 of Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Erin Conaway

One: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Many: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**Many: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

One: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**Many: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

One: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

**Many: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

One: Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

**All: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."**

## Anthem

"My Morning Song"

Donald Bailey

Carmen Conaway, *soprano*

O Lord of Life, Thy quick'ning voice awakes my morning song  
When morning gilds the skies,  
In gladsome words I would rejoice that I to Thee belong.  
My heart awaking cries I see Thy light, I feel Thy wind;  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; the world, it is Thy word.  
Whatever wakes my heart and mind Thy presence is my Lord.  
Therefore I choose my highest part and turn my face to Thee.  
Therefore I stir my inmost heart to worship fervently.  
Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
Alleluia sing to Jesus.  
Laudes Alleluia!

**Sermon**

“Treasures...”  
(*Luke 12:32-40*)

Erin Conaway

**Silent Reflection**

The only way the world will recognize the mission of Jesus is by the unity of his Church. But this unity of the Church must be translated into real community. Jesus spoke of the absolute unity between his Father and himself. And his prayer for us is that we be just as united (John 17:21-22). Can there still be mine and thine between us? No. What is mine is thine, and what is thine is mine. In the Spirit of the Church everything we have belongs to all. First and foremost we have community in the innermost values of the common life. But if we share the treasures of the Spirit, which are the greater ones, how can we refuse to share the lesser things?

— Eberhard Arnold, *God's Revolution: Justice, Community, and the Coming Kingdom*

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 264**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*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**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Claude Bass

**Postlude**

“March from *SCIPIO*”

G.F. Handel

## **Today at Seventh**

**Our Pianist today** is Jim Williams.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by the church family in celebration of Erin's 11th Anniversary as Pastor. We are grateful for Erin, Carmen, Alex, and Sam and what their family means to us.

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

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