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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Thanks Be to Thee”

G.F. Handel

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

“Psalm 100”

Euell Porter

Processional Hymn, No. 467

“We Are One in Christ”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Leslie Rosencrans

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Many: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

One: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Many: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

One: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

Many: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Many: They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

All: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Robert Best

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Julianne Best

Hymn, No. 407

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Scott Turner

Offertory

“Communion”

Charles Tournemire

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.*

Confession

Erin Conaway

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you...

Many: in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart;

Many: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

One: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Many: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

One: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

— The Book of Common Prayer

Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”
(From “Songs of Faith”)

Paul Basler

Phillip Lowe, *horn*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart:
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen

Sermon

“Just Set it Down...”
(*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*)

Erin Conaway

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

We are not saints. Much of the time our faith is weak and the God we have faith in seems far away if not absent altogether. But we go to church nonetheless in hope — hope that God is truly God even so, hope that God will mend us where we are broken, and forgive us where we have a hard time forgiving ourselves, and breathe into us new life when the lives we are living seem empty.

— Frederick Buechner, *Longing for Home*, p. 156

Hymn of Commitment, No. 477

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*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

“Springs in the Desert”

Arthur B. Jennings

Postlude

“The Rejoicing”

G.F. Handel

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Ellen Deaver.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of Mary & Bob Darden's wedding anniversary (08/08/1988).

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

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