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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“God Himself Is Present”

(WUNDERBARGER KÖNIG)
Michael Burkhardt

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

“I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me”

Timothy R. McKinney

Processional Hymn, No. 319

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Litany of Looking Up

Derek Dodson

One: We are gathered for worship.

Many: In a world of half-truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

One: In a world of many gods, we need an encounter with the one true God.

Many: In a world that demands so much of us—and yet so little of us—we need to be confronted with a gospel that will ask of us our very lives.

One: Why do you look upward?

Many: Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

One: Look around you. What do you see?

Many: There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

One: Look beyond you. Where will you go?

Many: Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all.

One: Look inside you. What do you see?

All: God's abiding love...alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Derek Dodson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Rosalie Beck

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Emily Ball

Hymn, No. 356

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People

Matt Rosencrans

Offertory

“Jerusalem”

Charles H. H. Parry
setting by Charles Callahan

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 103:1-8

Scott Turner

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Many: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

One: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Many: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

One: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Anthem

“Springs In The Desert”

Arthur B. Jennings

Edgar Sierra, *Tenor*

Say to them that are of fearful heart.

Be strong. Fear not.

Behold, your God will come and save you.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
And streams flow in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool,
And the thirsty land springs of water.

A highway shall be there,
And shall be called the way of holiness;

The redeemed shall walk there:

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy.

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Sermon

“Be Still and Know...”

Erin Conaway

(Isaiah 58:9b-14)

Silent Reflection

If there is no Sabbath — no regular and commanded not-working, not-talking — we become totally absorbed in our own doing and saying, and God’s work is either forgotten or marginalized. When we work we are most god-like, which means that it is in our work that it is easiest to develop god-pretensions. Our work becomes the context

in which we define our lives. We lose God-consciousness, God-awareness. We lose the capacity to sing ‘This is my Father’s world’ and end up chirping little self-centered ditties about what we are doing and feeling....

I don’t see any way out of it: If we are going to honor the Father, we must keep the Sabbath. We must stop running around long enough to see what he has done and is doing. We must shut up long enough to hear what he has said and is saying. All our ancestors agree that without silence and stillness there is no spirituality, no God-attentive, God-responsive life.

— Eugene H. Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places: A Conversation in Spiritual Theology*, pgs. 116-118

Hymn of Commitment, No. 387

“God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us”

*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 of Teachers and Students

Erin Conaway

Congregation 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.

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(LOBE DEN HERREN)
J. G. Walther

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of Garland Osborn, Viola's father, on his 100th birthday.

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