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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(Dix)
setting by John Ferguson

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Processional Hymn, No. 307

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Litany of Yielding

Matt Rosencrans

One: We arrange our lives as best we can to keep your holiness at bay,

Many: with our pieties and our doctrines,

One: with our liturgies and our moralities,

Many: with our secret ideologies.

One: Safe, virtuous, settled...and then you—you and your dreams,

Many: You and your visions,

One: You and your purposes,

Many: You and your commands,

One: You and our neighbors. We find your holiness not at bay, but probing, pervading, insisting, demanding.

Many: And we yield, sometimes gladly, sometimes resentfully,

One: Sometimes late...or soon. We yield because you, beyond us, are our God.

All: We are your creatures met by your holiness, by your holiness made our true selves...and we yield. Amen.

—Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*, p. 3

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Katie Cook

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Rosalie Beck

Hymn, No. 60

“Like a River Glorious”

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Leslie Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Leslie Rosencrans

Offertory

“Air & Canon on *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*” (UNION SEMINARY)
James Biery

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 81:1, 10-16

Scott Turner

One: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Many: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

One: "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

**Many: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own
counsels.**

One: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

**Many: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against
their foes.**

One: Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

**All: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the
rock I would satisfy you."**

Anthem

"Psalm 150"

Louis Lewandowski

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord in His holy place

Praise the Lord in His firmament

Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of all His power.

Sing ye to Him for His great and mighty wonders!

O praise Him, with trumpet,

And praise Him with psaltery and harp,

O praise Him with timbrel,

And praise Him with dancing,

O praise Him with stringed instruments.

O praise, O praise the Lord on cymbals sounding strong,

Let everything that hath breath praise Him,

Hallelujah!

Sermon

"Worthless..."

Erin Conaway

(Jeremiah 2:4-13)

Silent Reflection

Now, O Lord,
Calm me into a quietness that heals and listens,
And molds my longings and passions
My wounds and wonderings
Into a more holy and human shape.

— Ted Loder

Hymn of Commitment, No. 633

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

*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

“Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace”

Z. Randall Stroope

Postlude

“Cortege”

Gordon Young

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of Mary Darden’s birthday, August 23.

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

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