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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here) BWV 731

J.S. Bach

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. by Robert Shaw

Processional Hymn, No. 217

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 51:1-10

Kent McKeever

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Many: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Many: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Many: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Many: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kent McKeever

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

Patricia Wilson

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Mike Jones

Hymn, No. 405

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Matt Rosencrans

Anthem

“Holy, Lord of Hosts”

Maxcine W. Posegate

Holy, Lord of Hosts.

All the earth is full of Thy power and glory.

All the shining seraphim joyfully adore Thee.

Multitudes of angels ever singing:

‘Glory, wisdom, strength and honor

Be to Thee forever.’

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

Scott Turner

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*

Offertory

“A Solemn Melody”

H. Walford Davies

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.

Sermon

“Lost and Found”
(*Luke 15:1-10*)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

We don't need to prove ourselves to God. We don't have to do anything at all, to be acceptable to him. That is what Jesus came to say, and for that he got killed. He came to say, 'Hey, you don't have to earn God's love. It is not a matter for human achievement. You exist because God loves you already. You are a child of divine love.'

— Desmond Tutu, *Hope and Suffering*, p. 137

Hymn of Commitment, No. 587

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month for September

*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. by Paul Basler

Postlude

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(AZMON)
Paul Manz

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of Beverly and Dann Walker.

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

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