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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation “Ein’ Feste Burg ist unser Gott” J. G. Walther

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 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me” Timothy R. McKinney

Processional Hymn, No. 418 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Litany of Faith, Hope, and Love Leslie Rosencrans

One: Lord, we gather this morning in your presence, mindful of the commonality of your children, so we pray for our neighbor and for ourselves: for the seasons when our minds are draped with doubts and the temptation of apathetic withdrawal washes over our thoughts like waves on the beach...

Many: Lord, give us faith.

One: For the seasons when our hearts are sinking deep into despair, when the inky cloak of grief and pain shrouds our vision and we cannot see any light, when the way feels broken, jagged, ensnaring and nothing else...

Many: Lord, give us hope.

One: For the seasons when our souls turn cold, when bitterness peppers our every thought, when anger and rage are the only comfort we know, when we want to sit in the

judgment seat and declare condemnation and ruin on our enemies, when we've been hurt beyond recognition...

All: Lord, give us love. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but a day is coming when we will see face to face. In your grace and mercy, draw us into that day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Leslie Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading *Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4* Sean Sutcliffe

Epistle Reading *2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12* Zoe McKeever

Hymn, No. 57 "Be Still, My Soul"

Gospel Reading *Luke 19:1-10* Scott Turner
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People Scott Turner

Offertory "Song Without Words" Op. 19, No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn
Jim Williams, *piano*

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 119:137-144

Erin Conaway

One: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

Many: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

One: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

Many: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

One: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

Many: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

One: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

All: Our decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Anthem

“The Ground” from SUNRISE MASS

Ola Gjeilo

Pleni Sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
(The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory)
Osanna in excelsis.
(Hosanna in the highest)
Benedictus qui veni in nomine Domine.
(Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord)
Osanna in excelsis
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
(Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world)
Dona nobis pacem.
(Grant us peace.)

Sermon

“The Rugged Power of ‘Yet...’”

Erin Conaway

(Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

Silent Reflection

Genuine hope is not blind optimism. It is hope with open eyes, which sees the suffering and yet believes in the future.

— Jürgen Moltmann

Hymn of Commitment, No. 71

“Be Thou My Vision”

*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

“My Eternal King”

Jane Marshall

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Wayne Wold

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Jim Williams.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in gratitude for Thelma Cooper’s life and friendship from Ellen Brown.

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

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