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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Once In Royal David’s City”

John Ness Beck
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Sharon and Dan McNeil

If we plan them well, mornings can bring a tranquil and soothing start to the day. Linger over a cup of coffee or tea, listening to the sounds of the neighborhood come to life, and breathing in the cool, morning air. Today, we light the candle of Peace and pray that sense of calm would wash over the entire world. From the child whose stomach aches from hunger to the executive anxious about security, from the manors on hilltops to the refugee tents flapping in the wind, Lord may your peace visit all of our hearts and worrying minds like the dawn breaking the spell of night.

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.

Processional Hymn, No. 83

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Litany of Peace

Jung-Hyun Min

One: Parched and cracked land covers over the seeds of beauty in the desert. The rains eventually fall and life and color burst through in realized hope.

Many: We join our hearts together in worship like seeds beneath the arid sand waiting for the rain of your Spirit.

One: Each of us pregnant with possibility and our togetherness bursting with power to bring about your peace in our world.

Many: We work while we wait with anticipation for your final act on the stage of earth.

One: Transform our hearts to join above whatever would divide us and use our fellowship of diversity to send a message to a world drifting into separation.

All: Here we are...realizing and looking forward to the peace of your presence.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jung-Hyun Min

Meditation

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Jane Newsom

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Tom Newsom

Hymn

“The First Nowell”

arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord

That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Erin Conaway

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People

Erin Conaway

Offertory

“Piano Concerto No. 20 in D-minor, K. 466”

II. Romanze

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jim Williams, *piano*

Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.

Doxology

(Sung to Veni Emmanuel, tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.*

“Gloria”

Mark Hayes

Soloists

Rebakah Walsh, *soprano*

Emily Pace, *soprano*

William Alverio, *tenor*

Max Macias, *tenor*

Jonathan Moore, *baritone*

I.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the Highest
Et in terra pax
And on earth peace
Hominibus bonae voluntatis.
To all those of good will.
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,
We praise thee, we bless thee,
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.
We worship thee, we glorify thee.

II.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens,
God the Father almighty,
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Thou who takes away the sins of the world,
Miserere nobis
Have mercy upon us,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,
Suscipe deprecationem nostram,
Receive our prayer
Quis sedes ad dexteram Patris.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Creator,
Miserere nobis.
Have mercy on us.

III.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
For Thou alone art holy,
Tu solus Dominus,
Thou alone art the Lord,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ,
Cum Sancto Spiritu
With the Holy Spirit
In Gloria Dei Patris, Amen
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Postlude

“Vom Himmel Hoch” (From Heaven Above)

Johann Pachelbel

Today at Seventh

Adult Handbell Choir

Rosalie Beck
Sonia Belew
Lincoln Crowder
Linda Hynan

Pat Hynan
Donna Kennedy
Ann McGlashan
Ann Sims

Carolien Tantra
Patricia Wilson

Orchestra

Violin
Sue Jacobson
Patricia Shih
Amanda Schubert
Emily Bustos
Ellen Bergeron
Maya Johnson

Bass
Mark Whitney

Trumpet
Mark Schubert

Viola
Nikita Pogrebnoy
Kayla Smith

Flute
Charlotte Daniel

Horn
Phillip Lowe

Oboe
Euridice Alvarez

Piano
Lydia Bratcher
Jim Williams

Cello
Cynthia Matias
Jackie Bustos

Bassoon
Ann Shoemaker