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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“God Himself Is Present”

(WUNDERBARER KÖNIG,
Joachim Neander)
Michael Burkhardt

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

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

“Seek the Lord”

Dale Grotenhuis

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Processional Hymn, No. 566

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Litany of Trusting

Katie Cook

One: God, as we read about the lives of kings in days of old, we confess that a certain envy rises up within us. We see powerful people commanding the details of the world

around them and we think about the people in our newspapers and on our computer screens and we quietly wish for the ability to control just a few more things.

Many: Lord, forgive us for our unbridled hunger for power.

One: We think so many of the worries and the concerns of our day could be blissfully eliminated if only we could make just a little more money or wield just a little more influence.

Many: Lord, free us from our worry about tomorrow.

One: You desire truth in the inmost parts, so we offer our confession to you this morning, asking that you cleanse us and remind us of your power and your faithfulness that we might find rest in your hands.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. For we gather in your name, to be transformed by the Word, and renewed in our hearts that we might bring others to drink from the Living Water to join the fellowship of quenched thirsts.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Katie Cook

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4* Matt Rosencrans

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18* Holly Land

Hymn, No. 57 “Be Still, My Soul”

Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:12-23* Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Daniel Farris

Offertory “It Is Well with My Soul” Philip P. Bliss
setting by David Schwoebel

Donnie Balmos, *piano*

Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

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 27:1, 4-9

Scott Turner

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Many: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

One: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

Many: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

All: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Anthem

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. Tom Trenney

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father.
In Him, there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Shine!
In Him, there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Sermon

“It’s Trust, Not Certainty...”
(Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

*Sometimes hidden from me in daily custom and in trust,
so that I live by you unaware as by the beating of my heart,
suddenly you flare in my sight, a wild rose blooming at the edge
of thicket, grace and light where yesterday was only shade,
and once more I am blessed, choosing again what I chose before.*

— Wendell Berry, ‘The Wild Rose’

Hymn of Commitment, No. 611

“He Hideth My Soul”

*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 Response

“Depart Now”

Judy Prather

Depart now and as you go remember
It's in the goodness of God that you were born into this world.
And by the mercy of God you have been kept all through the day,
And through the love of God seen in the face of Christ,
That you are being redeemed. Amen.

Postlude

“Psalm 19, The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Donnie Balmos.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in appreciation of Rosalie Beck for her teaching of the Bible Class.

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

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