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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

(ST. MARGARET)
arr. Herbert Colvin

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

“Seek the Lord”

Dale Grotenhuis

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

Processional Hymn, No. 345

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Litany of Thanksgiving

Matt Rosencrans

One: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

Many: We thank you...

One: For the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

Many: We thank you...

One: For the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

Many: We thank you...

One: For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

Many: We thank you...

One: For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Many: We thank you...

One: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;

All: We thank you for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Stan Wilkes

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Carolyn Wilkes

Hymn, No. 503

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Scott Turner

Offertory

“Day by Day”

arr. Larry Shackley

Carolien Tantra, *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 112:1-9

Daniel Farris

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Many: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Many: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

One: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Many: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

One: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

All: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Anthem

“You Are the Light”

Mary McDonald

You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.
Let your light shine before all men, that they may see your works and glorify your Father.
The light shall bring new hope to a world of darkness, for you are the light of the world.
He who follows me is not in darkness, for I am the light of the world!
I abide in you; my power is with you.
The Father, Spirit, Son, dwells within your life as One.
You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.
Carry the light to the world!
Go ye therefore into every nation, sharing the light of the Lord.
And I will be with you. I will lead you through.
By the power of the Lord you will know: you are the light of the world!

Sermon

“Salt & Light”
(Matthew 5:13-20)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

God loves you. We love you. You are important.

— Henri Nouwen

Hymn of Commitment, No. 477

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*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”

Ed Wilson

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

“Fanfare on Austrian Hymn”

Gordon Young

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Carolien Tantra.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of Robert Ward’s mother, Maurine Ward, whose birthday is February 5.