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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“Morning Has Broken”

(BUNESSAN)  
Charles Callahan

**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**

“Footsteps of Jesus”

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, “Come, follow Me!”  
And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.  
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;  
We will follow the steps of Jesus where e’re they go.

**Processional Hymn, No. 467**

“We Are One in Christ”

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 119:1-8**

Joshua Stewart

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Many: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,**

One: who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

**Many: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

One: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**Many: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

One: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**All: I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Joshua Stewart

**“I Will Give My Heart to the Lord”**

Mark Patterson

**CHORISTERS**

Jim Williams, *piano*  
Lorie Crowder, *hand chimes*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Robin Land

**Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Sean Sutcliffe

**Hymn, No. 646**

“Teach Me Your Way”

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 5:21-37*

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of God’s People**

Matt Rosencrans

**Offertory**

“Communion”

Gordon Young

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.*

## Confession

Daniel Farris

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*

## Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis  
(c. 1505-85)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

## Sermon

“Don't Overthink It...”  
*(Matthew 5:21-37)*

Erin Conaway

## Communion

*All communion bread is gluten-free.*

## Silent Reflection

Following Jesus will mean surrendering the power that masquerades as security in order to love the neighbor and welcome the stranger. It will mean avoiding the safe path in order to pursue the good.

— Scott Bader-Saye

## Hymn of Commitment, No. 694

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*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

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

(MICHAEL)  
Michael Burkhardt

# Today at Seventh

## Choristers

Dillan Damping

Eri Hatakeyama

Robin Land

Audrey Ludwig

Ezriela Martinez

Keziah Martinez

Mathis McKeever

Avery Poehls

Patrick Poehls

Chloe Smith

Edward Smith

Wesley Zuniga

**On Communion Sundays**, the Benevolence offering is received at the doors to help our neighbors in need.

**Our Pianist today** is Tommy Edds.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in loving memory of Joyce Jones by her daughter, Jan Brown, and her family.

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

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