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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Michael R. Keller

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

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

“Be Still and Know”

Fred Bock

Be still and know that I am God.

Processional Hymn, No. 217

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Litany of Emmaus

Kent McKeever

One: The day is far spent...but we have not yet recognized your face in each of our sisters and brothers.

Many: Stay with us, blessed stranger.

One: The day is far spent...but we have not yet shared your bread in grace with the least of these.

Many: Stay with us, blessed stranger.

One: The day is far spent...but we have not listened to your Word and heard the resounding echo of your Mercy and Grace.

Many: Stay with us, blessed stranger.

All: Stay with us, blessed stranger, because our very night becomes day when you are here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Kent McKeever

Reading from the Acts *Acts 2:14a, 36-41* Sean Sutcliffe

Hymn, No. 203 “Day of Arising”

Epistle Reading *1 Peter 1:17-23* Donna Kennedy

Vocal Meditation “Holy City”
Max Macias, *tenor* Stephen Adams

Gospel Reading *Luke 24:13-31* Scott Turner

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

Prayers of God’s People Scott Turner

Offertory “On Eagle’s Wings” arr. Jeffrey Honoré

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

Doxology

(sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of “All Creature of Our God and King,” No. 307)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 116:1-4, 12-19

Daniel Farris

One: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Many: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Many: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

One: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Many: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

One: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

Many: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

One: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

All: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Anthem

"Ebenezer"

Heather Sorenson

There's a place of sacred memory, there's a stone that bears my name

On an altar in a wasteland with a promise I can claim.

There's a field of broken arrows, once my battleground of shame.

It's a place I go to visit, but a place I'll never stay.

Here I raise my Ebenezer. Here by heaven's grace I've come

To this landmark of redemption where healing has begun.

Here I build this sacred altar as a tribute of Your might.

May this shrine now be my fortress, and this pillar be my light.

There's a place that to the others looks like nothing more than loss.

But this field of stone and rubble is the place I find my cross.

Here I raise my Ebenezer. Here by heaven's grace I've come

To this landmark of redemption where healing has begun.
Here I kneel, my heart surrendered, at this wall of sacred stones.
Here I lay down every idol, and the fear of the unknown.
There's a landmark of redemption, There's a pillar of Your grace
Where I kneel and I remember salvation in this place.

Sermon

“Where Do You Recognize Jesus?”

Erin Conaway

(Luke 24:13-31)

Silent Reflection

This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.
Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror.
A place to celebrate the terrible victory.
We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.
At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We
give thanks.
Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying,
eating of the last sweet bite.

— from Joy Harjo's poem, “Perhaps the World Ends Here”

Hymn of Commitment, No. 209

“The Head That Once Was Crowned”

*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

“Christ Is Risen”

Timothy R. McKinney

Death has lost its old dominion, let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ the firstborn of the living gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving life eternal, life profound.

Postlude

“Toccata on *Gaudeamus Pariter*”
(Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain)

James Biery

Today at Seventh**Adult Handbell Choir**

Rosalie Beck
Sonia Belew
Lincoln Crowder
Linda Hynan

Pat Hynan
Donna Kennedy
Ann McGlashan
Bryce Shelton

Ann Sims
Carolien Tantra
Patricia Wilson

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of the School Uniform Ministry volunteers.

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

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