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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Little Prelude in G Minor,” BWV 558

Yuri Hatakeyama, *organ*

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

“Gracias, Dios. Tú nos inundas con tu amor”

arr. Giselle Vento

YOUTH CHOIR

Carolien Tantra, *piano*

Thank you, Lord, you flood us with your love.

When your word reaches our hearts, thank you, Lord. You flood us with your love.

Processional Hymn, No. 349

“To God Be the Glory”

(Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month)

Litany of Promise

Eli Ryden

One: We are your children, raised in your arms and with your continuous blessing in our ears. Thank you, Seventh, for loving little ones into their teenage years and now giving us the opportunity to lead you in worship yet again.

Many: We hope to provide you with a safe, loving, guiding, and cheering church family in all we say and do.

One: God, we thank you for this family of faith and the way they shine your light into our lives.

Many: God, we thank you for these amazing youth and the way they shine your light into our lives.

One: Lord, as we continue to grow into the people you created us to be, keep us mindful of your presence in our triumphs and failures; keep us in the faith you reveal to us at Seventh and the faith of our ancestors who followed you in the way; and God help us to give ourselves to your work in the world in the various ways you call each of us to serve you.

Many: Lord, bless and keep our young ones. Risen Christ, make your face shine upon them. Holy Spirit, fill them with your fiery love and abundant comfort as they go out into the world with the blessing and love of a proud church home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Evie Ryden

Meditation “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” William Ringham
YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

Reading from the Acts *Acts 7:55-60* Yuri Hatakeyama

Epistle Reading *1 Peter 2:2-10* Ivy Hynan

Hymn, No. 278 “We Are Travelers on a Journey”

Gospel Reading *John 14:1-14* Alex Conaway
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Sam Conaway

Offertory “I’m Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger” Tammy Waldrop
YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

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

Yuri Hatakeyama and Ivy Hynan

*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 31:1-5, 15-16

CJ McKeever

One: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Many: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Many: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

One: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Anthem

"A Prayer for Humility"

Mark Patterson

YOUTH CHOIR

Carolien Tantra, *piano*

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
How we long to know You, how we strive to serve You.
Help us now to love You even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise You,
And listening ears to hear Your voice,
Willing hands to serve You,

Thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore You.
And we bring this prayer before You.
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud,
Remind us of the grace You freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord find us,
Draw us close to You again.
Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Sermon

“Sermons on Psalm 31”

Sadie Hynan
Zoe McKeever

Silent Reflection

What, then, is the God I worship? He can be none but the Lord God himself, for who but the Lord is God? What other refuge can there be, except our God?

— Augustine of Hippo

Hymn of Commitment, No. 295

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*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.

Senior Recognition

Scott Turner

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Benediction “May the Lord Christ Walk Ahead of You”

Timothy R. McKinney

YOUTH CHOIR

Carolien Tantra, *piano*

Postlude

“Chorale Prelude No. 4, Gelobt sie Gott”
(God Be Praised)

Healey Willan

Today at Seventh

Youth Choir

Alex Conaway
Sam Conaway
Yuri Hatakeyama

Ivy Hynan
Sadie Hynan
CJ McKeever

Zoe McKeever
Eli Ryden

Youth Handbell Choir

Alex Conaway
Sam Conaway
Yuri Hatakeyama

Ivy Hynan
Sadie Hynan
CJ McKeever

Zoe McKeever
Eli Ryden

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of our youth group and all who invest in their beautiful lives. Their shared talents are a gift to us all.

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

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