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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation “Fantasia on OLD HUNDREDTH” Gordon Young

Welcome and Call to Worship Erin Conaway

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 “If Ye Love Me” Thomas Tallis

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

Processional Hymn, No. 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Litany of Three in One Ashley Cruseturner

One: God, as we gather our hearts and minds this morning in worship we are again reminded of the frailty of life and the things we build. It almost seems as if we are at war with creation....

Many: Help bring an end to this warring madness.

One: We burn things that should not be burned; we fill the oceans and rivers with all manner of waste; we inject animals and crops in the pursuit of faster, bigger, and always at our disposal. Then the winds swirl and blow down our homes and schools and

hospitals; the waters rise and flood our lives; the lightning strikes and the wildfires burn and back and forth we go hurting and being hurt by your creation.

Many: We see in your creating hand a desire for beauty and balance and patience.

One: How long must we cry our lament to you? When will the agony and the pain subside? When will the winds be at peace and the waters hold in their places?

Many: We see in your Son the desire for reconciliation, forgiveness, and mercy.

One: And then the dawn breaks and the night of horrors is over; and we find there is new life blooming in the midst of death. There are lessons learned in darkness that were missed in the light and enmity gives way to sisterhood and brotherhood.

All: We see in your Spirit, the desire for radical togetherness, for bold proclamations, for comfort in the midst of chaos. O Three in One, give us peace and show us the path. Help us take another step.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ashley Cruseturner

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:26-2:4a

Rosalie Beck

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Sean Sutcliffe

Hymn, No. 7

“Worthy of Worship”

[text by Terry W. York, retired Truett Seminary professor and grandfather of Wesley Zuniga, Chorister at Seventh.]

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Scott Turner

Offertory

“Nun bitten wir heiligen Geist”
BuxWV 208 (“Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit”)

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Gloria Patri, No. 704

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, 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 8

Daniel Farris

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Many: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

Many: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Many: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

One: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Anthem

“And Can It Be”

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

Sermon

“As You Go...Make Disciples”
(Matthew 28:16-20)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

Witnesses to the good news of the gospel, if they are trustworthy witnesses, bear in themselves the tracks of their own pilgrimage of faith, a faith that more often than not involves some terror and some surprise, some disbelieving and some wonder—much like the faith of the first disciples.

— Michael Jenkins, in *Christian Century*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*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

“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

“Festival Piece on *Nicaea*”

Jerry Westenkuehler