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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(FAITHFULNESS,
William M. Runyon, 1923)
Dan Miller

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

“Spirit of Faith, By Faith Be Mine”

Timothy R. McKinney

Spirit of faith, by faith be mine; Spirit of truth, in wisdom shine;
Spirit of holiness divine, Spirit of Jesus, come!
Come to our hearts, and there remain; Spirit of life, our life sustain;
Spirit of grace and glory, reign! Spirit of Jesus, come!

Processional Hymn, No. 295

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 33:1-12

Leslie Rosencrans

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Many: Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

One: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Many: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

One: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Many: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

One: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

Many: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

One: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Many: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

One: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

All: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Ray Deaver

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Ellen Deaver

Hymn, No. 459

“Come, Share the Lord”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Matt Rosencrans

Offertory

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

(William H. Doane, 1871)
Albert L. Travis

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.*

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

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Allen Pote

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

Sermon

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?”
(Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26)

Erin Conaway

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

Our ideas of holiness are so stringent that even aspiring to it seems presumptuous. Jesus faced that, too: ‘What is this wisdom that has been given him? Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?’ (Matt. 13:54-55). Even slight contact with the less-than-sacred sullies any suggestion of sanctity: ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!’ (Luke 15:2). But here is the key: Jesus loves imperfect people. On that score, all of us qualify.

— William J. O’Malley, S.J.

Hymn of Commitment, No. 541

“Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”

*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

“Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

Postlude“Toccatà on *NETTLETON*”

Albert L. Travis

Today at Seventh

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

Our Pianist today is Carolien Tantra.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of Jon Lindsey and Gayland Sims, both born on June 9th.

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

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