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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Rock of Ages”

(TOPLADY)
arr. Herbert Colvin

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Patti Drennan

Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Processional Hymn, No. 467

“We Are One in Christ”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 85:8-13

Mathis McKeever

One: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Many: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Many: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Zoe McKeever

Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 19:9-18* Kent McKeever

Epistle Reading *Romans 10:5-15* CJ McKeever

Hymn, No. 457 “Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed”

Gospel Reading *Matthew 14:22-33* Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Daniel Farris

Offertory “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Victor Labenske

Carolien Tantra, piano

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

Scott Turner

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

“And This Is Love”

Ken Medema

Giselle Vento, *soprano*

Joy Marshall, *alto*

Edgar Sierra, *tenor*

Daniel Farris, *bass*

Sermon

“Breaking the Cycle”

Bryce Shelton

(1 Kings 19:9-18)

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God’s reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the cross, the uproar

of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken.

— Pope Francis

Hymn of Commitment, No. 413

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*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

Scott Turner

Choral Benediction

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Robert H. Young

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Postlude

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(OLD 100TH)
Michael Burkhardt