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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“Thanks Be to Thee”

G.F. Handel

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

Matt 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**

“This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made”

Timothy R. McKinney

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Processional Hymn, No. 332**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**Litany of a Thousand Tongues**

Joshua Stewart

One: We sing of our desire to have a thousand tongues in order to more fully sing your praise.

**Many: But we know the trouble we often have with the one tongue we've got... it won't always sing your praise.**

One: You desire truth in our inmost parts—not the dressed-up charade we frequently present to you on Sunday mornings.

**Many: Our truth is we sin...**

One: We have not loved you in word or deed the way we should. We have not loved our neighbors in the way you command us.

**Many: Our truth is that we are also thankful...**

One: For your grace, O Lord, your triumphant grace that overpowers our brokenness with your love and heals our wounds with your touch.

**All: We say thank you with one tongue—united in this room and beyond by your grace and your love. And we listen for the chorus of praise to crescendo into eternity.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Joshua Stewart

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8* Sean Sutcliffe

**Epistle Reading** *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32* Pat Sharp

**Hymn, No. 283** “Holy Presence, Holy Teacher”

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 15:10-28* Erin Conaway

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

**Prayers of God’s People** Erin Conaway

**Offertory** “Sonata Op. 148, II. Cantiline” Josef Rheinberger  
*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.*

## Responsive Reading of Psalm 67

Scott Turner

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**Many: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**All: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

## Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

## Sermon

“From the Heart...”  
*(Matthew 15:10-28)*

Erin Conaway

## Silent Reflection

To speak of the thirst for holiness, then, is to speak of a moral vision and a capacity for love that comes from the source of creation itself. Holiness is that which expands our humanity, for it not only provides the context in which growth takes place, but provides a vision of what life is ultimately about and towards which we stumble and slowly make our way, owning our brokenness but rejoicing in the Grace that alone will make us whole.

— James C. Fenhagen

## Hymn of Commitment, No. 507

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*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

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and be gracious;  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

## Postlude

“The Rejoicing”

G.F. Handel

## Today at Seventh

**Our Pianist today** is Ellen Deaver.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in memory of Viola Osborn’s father, Garland Osborn, to celebrate his birthday.

**The Foyer Flowers** are given in memory Gayland Lee Sims (6/9/50-8/21/22) who found his spiritual home at Seventh.

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

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