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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Organ Meditation**

**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**

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis  
(c. 1505-85)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

**Processional Hymn, No. 335**

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

Katie Cook

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**Many: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**

One: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

**Many: In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**

One: He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

**Many: In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.**

One: He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

**All: He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Katie Cook

**Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 17:1-7*

Sean Sutcliffe

**Epistle Reading**

*Philippians 2:1-13*

Paula Hoover

**Hymn, No. 459**

“Come, Share the Lord”

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 21:23-32*

Daniel Farris

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

**Prayers of God’s People**

Daniel Farris

**Offertory**

Donnie Balmos, *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

Emily McKeever

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

“At the Name of Jesus”

Cindy Berry

Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,  
But laid aside his mighty power and glory,  
Taking the form of a servant and becoming like men.  
He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.  
At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.  
That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

## Sermon

“Re-mem-bering as We Remember”

Matt Rosencrans

*(Philippians 2:1-13)*

## Communion

*All communion bread is gluten-free.*

*Please come forward to receive Communion from any of the three stations at the front of the sanctuary. You will be served the bread and the cup. A basket is available for your empty cup once you are finished. To ease congestion, please walk down on the right side of your aisle and return up the left side of your aisle. You may come to any of the three stations. Communion will be brought to anyone not able to come forward; please raise your hand as the Minister and Deacon walk back to serve you.*

## Silent Reflection

From the moment you put a piece of bread in your mouth, you are part of the world. Who grew the wheat? Who made the bread? Where did it come from? You are in relationship with all who brought it to the table. We are least separate and most in common when we eat and drink.

— Thomas Merton

## Hymn of Commitment, No. 483

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

*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

Matt Rosencrans

## Choral Benediction

“Gloria Patri”

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.

## Postlude

## Today at Seventh

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

**Our Guest Organist today** is Tommy Edds.

**Our Pianist today** is Donnie Balmos.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Joshua Stewart in appreciation to the church for all the prayers and support.

**The Foyers Flowers** are given by Doris and David DeLoach in memory of friends and colleagues Richard Shanley (10/20/1939—3/16/2023) and Euell Porter (10/10/1910—9/23/1998).

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

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