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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

(ROYAL OAK)

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Children's Handbell Choir

Welcome

Erin Conaway

Call to Worship

Dillan Damping

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

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Mark Patterson

Choristers

Jim Williams, *piano*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

You have set your glory high above the heavens;

The lips of children will sing to give you praise.

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and stars which you have put in place.

O Lord, God, I wonder, I wonder, who am I that you share care for me?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name.

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

Processional Hymn, No. 58

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Litany of What God is Like

Leslie Rosencrans

One: What is God like? That's a very big question, one that people from all around the world have wondered about since the beginning of time. And while nobody has seen all of God (because God is far too big for any of us to fully see), we can know what God is like.

Many: God is like an eagle, sharp-eyed and swift, with wings so wide you can play under their shadows.

One: God is like the stars, forever present and bright. Even when they feel far away, you can always look up and see them winking at you.

Many: God is like a shepherd, brave and good, a protector who loves her sheep so much that she watches over all of them and knows each of their names by heart.

One: God is like three dancers, graceful and precise. They move to the same music in very different ways, showcasing all of God's elegance and rhythm in your life.

Many: God is kind. God is forgiving. God is slow to get angry. God is quick to be glad. God is happy when you tell the truth and sad when things are unfair.

One: What is God like? Keep searching. Keep wondering. Keep learning about God.

All: And whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe, what makes you feel brave, and what makes you feel loved. That's what God is like.

— adapted from *What is God Like?*
by Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Chloe Smith

Written by the 4th-6th Grade Sunday School Class

Meditation

“God Is”

Deborah Harris, words
Mark Hayes, music

Choristers

Jim Williams, *piano*

God is closer than a brother, strong and gentle as a mother;
God is with us, God is in us, God is love.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 99

Robin Land

One: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

**Many: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them
praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed
justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Many: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

One: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who
called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

**Many: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the
statutes that he gave them.**

One: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an
avenger of their wrongdoings.

**All: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord
our God is holy.**

Anthem

“The Ground”

Ola Gjeilo

Jim Williams, *piano*
Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua, Osanna in excelsis
(Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest)

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Osanna in excelsis
(Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Donna nobis pacem.
(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace)

Sermon

“Seeing God”
(*Exodus 33:12-23*)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

Life offers us the possibility of claiming these three life-changing gifts: the
experience of love and friendship; recurring experiences of beauty and order; and a few

undeniable experiences of transcendence in our search for our elusive God, if we are prepared to give attention to the one who is the source of our lives, and discern his presence both in people and in his creation.

— Michael Mayne, *The Enduring Melody*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 611

“He Hideth My Soul”

*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

“Postlude on ST. DENIO”

Charles Callahan

Today at Seventh

Choristers

Dillan Damping
Ava Farris
Sefton Farris
Eri Hatakeyama
Jun Hatakeyama

Robin Land
Audrey Ludwig
Ezriela Martinez
Keziah Martinez
Avery Poehls

Julianna Rios
Chloe Smith
Edward Smith
Wesley Zuniga

Children's Handbell Choir

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Ava Farris
Eri Hatakeyama
Robin Land

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Our Pianist today is Carolien Tantra.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor and appreciation for the Children's Music Ministry volunteers who give their time, talents, and love to our children as they lead Mini-Singers, Choristers, and the Children's Handbell Choir.

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

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