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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“For All Your Saints, O God”

(FESTAL SONG)  
Wayne L. Wold

**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**

“The Body of Christ”

Timothy R. McKinney

God has combined the members of the body,  
And has given greater honor to those that lacked it,  
So that there should be no division in the body,  
But that its members should have equal care for each other.  
If one member suffers, all members suffer; If one is honored, all rejoice.  
You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a member.

**Processional Hymn, No. 567**

“For All the Saints”

Lorie Crowder and Pat Hynan, *handbells*

**Litany of Saints**

Scott Turner

One: God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

**Many: We lament their passing,**

One: And honor their legacy.

**Many: We give thanks for all we have learned from them.**

One: Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

**Many: We follow their example.**

One: Those who made mistakes along the way,

**Many: We learn from their experience.**

One: Those who made progress for peace,

**Many: We continue their work.**

One: Those who lived simply and quietly,

**Many: We are enlightened by them.**

One: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

**Many: We are humbled by them.**

One: Those who have fallen asleep in peace and are awake to eternity,

**Many: We commend them to your care.**

One: They have finished their work on earth,

**All: And it lives on, reverberating into our lives now as the work of Christ lives on.**

— adapted from Fran Pratt (<http://www.franpratt.com/litanies>)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Scott Turner

## **In Memoriam**

“Abendlied” Op. 85, No. 12

Robert Schumann

Euridice Alvarez, *oboe*

Lydia Bratcher, *piano*

*You are invited to write the name of a loved one you wish to remember on the card attached to your worship guide. During this time, please come forward and place the card in one of the bowls on the Communion Table. We will call out the names near the end of the service as an act of remembrance and hope. If you need someone to bring your card forward, please signal one of the ministers.*

## **Reading from the Revelation**

*Revelation 7:9-17*

Sean Sutcliffe

**Epistle Reading** *1 John 3:1-3* John Wood

**Hymn, No. 396** “For Such a Time As This”

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 5:1-12* Erin Conaway

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

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

*A white rose has been placed on the Communion Table in remembrance of  
Seventh & James members who passed away this last year.*

John Belew  
Rodney Brown  
Marjory Cretien  
Sally Robinson  
Jean Ryther  
Bryan White

**Offertory** “Sheep May Safely Graze” from *Cantata No. 208* J.S. Bach  
arr. Herbert Colvin

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

*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 34:1-10, 22**

Matt Rosencrans

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Many: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

One: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**Many: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

One: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

**Many: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**Many: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.**

One: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## **Anthem**

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to him who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope,  
One Lord, baptism, and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to him who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to him who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

**Sermon**

“Try Me”  
(*Psalm 34:1-10, 22*)

Erin Conaway

**Silent Reflection**

All those years I fell for the great palace lie that grief should be gotten over as quickly as possible and as privately. But what I’ve discovered since is that the lifelong fear of grief keeps us in a barren, isolated place and that only grieving can heal grief; the passage of time will lessen the acuteness, but time alone, without the direct experience of grief, will not heal it. . . . I’m pretty sure that it is only by experiencing the ocean of sadness in a naked and immediate way that we come to be healed—which is to say, that we come to experience life with a real sense of presence and spaciousness and peace.

—Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies* (pgs. 68-69)

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 303**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*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

**Congregational Benediction**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Postlude**

“Song for All Saints”

Mary McDonald

## **Today at Seventh**

**Our Pianist today** is Jim Williams.

**The Rose on the Organ** celebrates the birth Adelaide Xanthippe Lynn Harper, born October 27 to Talj and Tanner Harper. Grandparents are Marilyn and Lynn Tatum.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Annette Lindsey for All Saints Sunday.

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

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