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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr”
(All Glory Be to God on High)

J.G. Walther

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

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord. Praise Him, o ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord, praise the Lord!

Processional Hymn, No. 161

“See Our Lord in All His Glory”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 50:1-6

Scott Turner

One: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

Many: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

One: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Turner

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Becky Griffin

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Sam Griffin

Hymn, No. 459

“Come, Share the Lord”

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Matt Rosencrans

Offertory

“The Transfiguration”

Robert J. Powell

During the offertory, we invite you to prayerfully consider your stewardship of all the resources God is entrusting to you. The work of God at Seventh & James is dependent on the financial generosity and volunteer service of its members and friends. Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship. Join us as you respond to God’s call.

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

Daniel Farris

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

“The Majesty and Glory”

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field; the birds of the air; the fish of the sea.

Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia!

Sermon

“Nonsense! That’s Good...”

Erin Conaway

(Mark 9:2-9)

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

Something is revealed, we know not how: a probe behind the closed parameters of religion too-long settled and politics too-easily comfortable. It is not only truth disclosed, but it is life disclosed. Life unclosed, life made open, certitudes broken so that we can redecide, images moving, imagination assaulting ideology. We find new configurations of life yet unformed, unthought, but now available. The old slogans sound unconvincing. I thought I had come for certitude, but the poetic speech does not give certitude. As I am addressed by the gospel, I hear anew that possibility overwhelms necessity in my life. The only available absolute given me is a “fiction” to which I must trust myself—a gracious “fiction” on which I stake my life, authored by God who also authors the text and the speech.

— Walter Brueggemann, *Finally Comes The Poet: Daring Speech for Proclamation*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 159

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. by Donald Moore

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Postlude

“Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello

Today at Seventh

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

Our Pianist today is Jim Williams.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of Joyce Jones by Robin, Russell and Elizabeth; and Jan, Greg, Heather, Haley, and Jeffrey Brown.

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

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