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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

(ROCKINGHAM)
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leslie Rosencrans

One: Child of God, you are welcome here....

Many: We give thanks to God for bringing us into this moment of worship.

One: Over and over again, Jesus tried to tell his disciples and followers who he was and what it meant to follow him.

Many: Take up your cross and follow.

One: Follow him to Jerusalem and be ready for the unexpected turn of events he kept telling us would happen.

All: Even today, we confess it is difficult to follow Jesus down this road. We say with the desperate father, “Lord, we believe! Help our unbelief!”

Choral Summons

“When I Survey”

Robert H. Young

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Processional Hymn, No. 281

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Bill Cooper

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Many: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

Many: They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

One: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

Many: He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

One: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Bill Cooper

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20:1-11* Rosalie Beck

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10* Sean Sutcliffe

Hymn, No. 505 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

Gospel Reading *Mark 10:17-31* Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People Scott Turner

Our Father, who 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, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

Tommy Edds, *piano*

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

(sung to O WALY, WALY, tune of "When Love Is Found," No. 524)

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.

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.

Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Christopher Aspaas

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I know Jesus will walk with me.
I know Jesus will walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I know Jesus will walk with me.

Sermon

“Show Me The Money!”

Erin Conaway

(Mark 10:17-31)

Meditation for Communion

“When I Survey”

Robert H. Young

Rebecca Walsh, *soprano*

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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 unable to come forward; please raise your hand as the Minister and Deacon walk back to serve you.

Silent Reflection

Jesus says that it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Maybe the reason is not that the rich are so wicked they're kept out of the place, but that they're so out of touch with reality they can't see it's a place worth getting into.

— Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 499

“I Surrender All”

*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

One: Every step closer to Holy Week brings us that much closer to the darkness.

Many: Give us courage to walk this path with you.

One: We know even as the light grows dim, there is an increasing brightness behind the shadows.

Many: Fellow bearers of light...let us walk out together in hope and joy.

One: Go out into the world ready to receive unexpected grace and live into the high calling of Christ's sacrificial love.

Choral Benediction

“When I Survey”

Robert H. Young

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Postlude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(BEECHER)
Anna Laura Page

Today at Seventh

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

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Artwork on the Cover is by Rachel Farris.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in honor of our Meals on Wheels volunteers.

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

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