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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**            “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”            (ST. MAGNUS)  
Robert A. Hobby

**Welcome and Call to Worship**            Erin Conaway

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**            “Low in the Grave He Lay”            Robert Lowry

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
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**Processional Hymn, No. 210**            “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**Litany of Thanksgiving and Blessing**            Scott Turner

One: For the way a snail’s trail follows softly behind on a clean sidewalk after a refreshing rain, for the lilting of a cardinal’s song, for the warmth of the sun, and the stunning rising of the harvest moon,

**Many: O God, we give you thanks.**

One: Your Creation whispers and shouts your glory in more ways than we know to count or have ears to hear, but we continue to strain towards beauty and try our best to listen. And then you, creative and creating you, make your voice known to us through the lingering handshake of a friend, the way a loved one says our name uniquely, and the loving smile of a new friend we just met.

**Many: O God, we give you thanks for the splendor of your presence.**

One: Time and time again, you have made your presence known to us through the movement of your Spirit in our hearts and lives. We give you thanks and stand in awe of your grace and wonder.

**Many: O God, we give you thanks for the splendor of your presence, the movement of your Spirit, and the faith of your Son, Jesus, in whose name we gather and celebrate!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Scott Turner

**Reading from the Acts** *Acts 4:32-35* Chris Clifford

**Epistle Reading** *1 John 1:1-10* Trent Clifford

**Hymn, No. 214** “The Day of Resurrection!”

**Gospel Reading** *John 20:19-31* Leslie Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of God’s People** Leslie Rosencrans

**Offertory** “It Is Well with My Soul”

David DeLoach, *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 LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of "All Creature of Our God and King," No. 307)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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 133

Daniel Farris

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**Many: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

## Anthem

"See What a Morning"

arr. Bruce Greer

See, what the morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love was won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**Sermon**

“But I Won’t Do That…”  
(Acts 4:32-35)

Erin Conaway

**Silent Reflection**

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

— Michael Baughen (1982)

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 622**

“He Lives”

*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 Response**

“The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Be Upon You”

Herbert Colvin

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you;  
The love of God, the Father, be with you;  
And the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be yours,  
Now and evermore. Amen.

**Postlude**

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

(GELOBT SIE GOTT)

Healey Willan

## **Today at Seventh**

**Our Pianist today** is David DeLoach.

**The Rose on the Organ** celebrates the birth of Mara Jeane Petter, born April 3 to Evan and Nathan Petter. Grandparents are Sandy and Blake Burleson.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in celebration of Giselle Vento and Kelby Noack's union on April 8, 2024.

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

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