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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

(DARWALL)
Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome and Call to Worship

Scott Turner

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 “Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord” (*from Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee;
He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens:
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn, No. 219

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 1

Sharon McNeil

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Many: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Many: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

One: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharon McNeil

Reading from the Acts

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Holly Land

Epistle Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Robin Land

Hymn, No. 35

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-21

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Matt Rosencrans

Offertory

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

(NYLAND)

Jerry Westenkuehler

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 Creatures 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.*

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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Pam Hyatt, *flute*
Eury Alvarez, *oboe*
Jonathan Moore, *baritone*

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
He leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Sermon

“So That We May Be One...”
(John 17:6-21)

Erin Conaway

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

We cannot live alone. We cannot go to heaven alone. Otherwise God will say to us, ‘Where are the others?’ Otherwise, we are scattered members of the Body of Christ, we are not ‘all members of one another.’ ...If we try to do it alone, we lose the vision, we become merely philanthropists, doling out palliatives. We cannot lose this vision, this working ‘for a new heaven and a new earth.’ Otherwise our religion is an opiate, for ourselves alone, for our comfort or for our individual safety or indifferent custom.

— Dorothy Day

Hymn of Commitment, No. 361

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*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

“Go Ye Now in Peace”

Joyce Elaine Eilers

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel His presence here beside you showing you the way.
In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
Know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live
Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

“Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

(BRYN CALFARIA)
Wayne L. Wold

Today at Seventh

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

Our Pianist today is David DeLoach.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of Dan McNeil's birthday. “Thank you for being a great father and grandfather.” — McNeil Family

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

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