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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“How Great Thou Art”

(O STORE GUD)
Joyce Jones

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.

Gathering Hymn, No. 467

“We Are One in Christ”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

Viola Osborn

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Viola Osborn

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6* Sean Sutcliffe

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 2:11-22* Linda McManness

Hymn, No. 466 “Jesus, at Your Holy Table”

Gospel Reading *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56* Matt Rosencrans

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

Prayers of God’s People Matt Rosencrans

Offertory “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (RESIGNATION)
Raymond H. Haan

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 Matt Rosencrans

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 Jesus, I Love Thee”

(Adoniram Gordon)

arr. Jason Kyle Saetveit, Todd Smith,
Amy Perry, and Alan Hall

Carmen Conaway, *soprano*

Alexandra Conaway, *alto*

Samuel Conaway, *tenor*

Lydia Bratcher, *piano*

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,

And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow.

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,

I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.

I’ll sing with the glittering crown upon my brow,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

Sermon

“This is NOT That!”
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

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

What makes the temptation of power so seemingly irresistible? Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love.

— Henri J.M. Nouwen,
In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership

Hymn of Commitment, No. 68

“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

*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

Postlude

“Toccata on *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

(OLD HUNDREDTH)
Michael Burkhardt

Today at Seventh

Our Guest Conductor is Tommy Edds.

Our Pianist today is Jim Williams.

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

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

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