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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“Lobe den Herren”

J. G. Walther

**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.

**Gathering Hymn, No. 319**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

Alexandra Conaway

One: Generous and gracious God, we give you thanks for your gifts great and small:

**Many: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

One: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, the unspeakable beauty of the stars, smooth stones and seashells, and the moment of slowing down before a peach and violet sunset:

**Many: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

One: For those who have joined our congregation, the memory of those who are gone, and relationships that deepen through the years:

**Many: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

One: For the good kind of tired after a job well done, the rhythmic cadences of Sundays that call us together, and those things yet possible:

**Many: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

One: For hymn writers and poets who capture what we're feeling inside, fragile openness after utter guardedness, and language that is beyond words and in words:

**Many: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

One: For raising us to life in this time and place, safe returns from important journeys, and enough restlessness in our hearts to move faithfully with you:

**All: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.**

— Sharlande Sledge, *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons*. p. 123

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Alexandra Conaway

**Old Testament Reading**

*2 Kings 4:42-44*

Samuel Conaway

**Epistle Reading**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Carmen Conaway

**Hymn, No. 386**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

**Gospel Reading**

*John 6:1-13*

Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of God's People**

Scott Turner

**Offertory**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(NETTLETON)

Paul Manz

*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

Tammie Hartgroves

*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 145:10-18

Daniel Farris

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**Many: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

One: To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Many: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Many: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

One: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**All: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

## Anthem

“O Savior, Hear Me!”

Gluck

adapted by Dudley Buck

Julianne Best, *soprano*

Daniel Farris, *piano*

O Savior, hear me, I implore thee, in thee alone can peace be found.  
Thou can sustain and thou restore me whate'er the cares that hover round.

Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes.  
O turn on my thy loving eyes; Lord I long for thy salvation,  
And would fain attain the prize.

When cares of earth to me seem heavy, heartsore I seek of thee relief.  
Thy grace remaineth every ready, to soothe my pain, to assuage my grief.

Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes.  
O turn on my thy loving eyes; Lord I long for thy salvation,  
And would fain attain the prize.

**Sermon**

“Thanksgiving is Life”  
*(Psalm 145:10-18)*

Erin Conaway

## **Silent Reflection**

To glorify God means to think and act in such a way that the goodness, greatness, and beauty of God are constantly obvious to ourselves and all those around us. It means to live in such a way that when people see us they think, 'Thank God for God, if God would create such a life.'

— Dallas Willard (1935-2013)

## **Hymn of Commitment, No. 262**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*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**

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

# **Today at Seventh**

**Our Pianist today** is Tommy Edds.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in honor of Leslie Rosencrans for her meaningful children’s sermons every week scripted so masterfully for our children, but that manage also to inspire the entire congregation.

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

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