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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Adagio Cantabile”

Giuseppe Tartini

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.

Gathering Hymn, No. 337

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Litany of Betrayal

Katie Cook

One: You gathered your friends and followers that night for a feast meal—to celebrate the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery—and so much more. It should have been bright and cheery, telling stories about the crazy things people have done to get your attention, laughing about the wild things they say about you.

Many: But your countenance was heavy and weighed down with grief.

One: No one seemed to notice your demeanor and it came time to bless the meal, and as you did, you said that one of us would betray you. We were shocked and aghast at the thought of it....

Many: Wake us from our sleep and give us the courage to open our eyes.

One: We all wondered and whispered and thought it must be a mistake, but you seemed resigned to the truth of your prediction. To get away from the thought of it being me—we started examining our brothers and assuming their motives and mischief.

Many: You warned us about logs and specks and seeing things in others we are unwilling to see in ourselves.

One: And it happens today. You dip the bread and hand it to us...forcing us to come to terms with our betrayal of you and of ourselves as we fall short of the people you created us to be.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us....

Prayer of Thanksgiving Katie Cook

Meditation William B. Bradbury
“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Phillip Lowe, *French Horn*
Daniel Farris, *piano*

Old Testament Reading Sean Sutcliffe
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Epistle Reading Sharon Rollins
Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymn, No. 586 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Gospel Reading Daniel Farris
John 6:24-35
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Daniel Farris

Offertory Kurt Kaiser
arr. Paul Mickelson
“O How He Loves You and Me”
Phillip Lowe, *French Horn*
Daniel Farris, *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, 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

Ivy Hynan, Sadie Hynan

*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 51:1-12

Scott Turner

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Many: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Many: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Many: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Many: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Many: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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*

Daniel Farris, *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

“On Counting Logs and Splinters”

Erin Conaway

(2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a)

Silent Reflection

Self-righteousness was the bane of human relations... that individuals and nations are at their worst when, persuaded of their superior virtue, they crusade against the vices of others. They are at their best when they claim their God-given kinship with all humanity, offering prayers of thanks that there is more mercy in God than sin in us.

— Bill Coffin

Hymn of Commitment, No. 587

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

*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

“March from SCIPIO”

G.F. Handel

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Jim Williams.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Carolyn and Naymond Keathley.

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

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