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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(Dix)
David Kidwell

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

“Hear My Prayer”

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin’ when I rise.
It’s Your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

Processional Hymn, No. 335

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

Litany of Humility

Rosalie Beck

One: Lord, we come before you this morning needing to confess something we would rather not talk about: our lack of humility. It is not something we are good at living for, even in our fleeting moments of meekness, we look around for credit.

Many: God, help us trust You enough to follow the example of Jesus.

One: It’s not so much that we think we are necessarily better than someone else; it’s just that we’ve worked so hard to get the things we’ve got, or to be in the position we

are in, or know the people we know. We've done a lot to be the people we are right now, and we're not sure others have put in this much effort.

Many: God, help us to see our lives as gifts from You...for we are not self-made.

One: Maybe, at the end of the day, in that quiet place of honesty deep within us, we really aren't sure that we are good enough. We can't believe that we are Your children because we know what we've done, so we emerge from those terrifying moments and scramble around to build ourselves up and pad our image to keep people from seeing the person we see in the mirror of our hearts.

All: God, help us to love ourselves as your cherished children. Trusting that You want good and not evil for us; resting in the role we were designed to fill; loving our siblings as we love ourselves on our best days; and realizing we are bought with a price and we are not our own, we leave the exalting to You as we walk this path today, needing Your grace and being drawn close by Your love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rosalie Beck

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29* Chloe Smith

Epistle Reading *James 5:13-20* Ava Farris

Hymn, No. 404 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Gospel Reading *Mark 9:38-50* Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People Matt Rosencrans

Offertory "Jesus, Lead Thou On" (SEELENBRÄUTIGAM)
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

(Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month for September)

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.*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 19:7-14

Erin Conaway

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Many: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Many: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Many: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

One: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Anthem

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that heav’n cannot cure.”
Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing forth
From the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love;
Come, ever knowing Earth has no sorrow,
But heav’n can remove.

Sermon

“Hidden Faults”
(*Psalm 19:7-14*)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

We cannot change the past,
but we can change our attitude toward it.
Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness.
Tear out arrogance and seed humility.
Exchange love for hate
Thereby making the present comfortable
and the future promising.

— Maya Angelou

Hymn of Commitment, No. 646

“Teach Me Your Way”

*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 Benediction

“Go Now and Live for the Savior”

Kurt Kaiser

Go now, and live for the Savior; Go, may this joy be your joy too.
Go, may this presence ever guide you; Go, live this life the whole day through.

Postlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Anna Laura Page

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Don Cook in celebration of Mary Ann Cook’s birthday, September 26.

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

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