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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Morning Has Broken”

(BUNESSAN)
Herbert Colvin

Welcome and Call to Worship

Matt 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.

Choral Summons

“Let All the World”

Robert Baker

Let all the world in every corner sing, “My God and King!”

Processional Hymn, No. 26

“God of Creation, All-Powerful”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 8

Blake Burleson

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Many: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

Many: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Many: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

One: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blake Burleson

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Joy Summar-Smith

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Bernie Smith

Hymn, No. 460

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Daniel Farris

Offertory

“Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken” (WAYFARING STRANGER,
Traditional American) Gilbert Martin

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

Scott Turner

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

“God So Loved the World”

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

Sermon

“It Is Not Good To Be Alone...”
(Genesis 2:18-24)

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

The most significant thing is community, others say. We are not alone anymore. But the final word is love. At times it has been, in the words of Father Zossima, a harsh and dreadful thing, and our very faith in love has been tried through fire. We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love, we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.

— Dorothy Day

Hymn of Commitment, No. 6

“Creator God, Creating Still”

*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

“As Bright As Sun”

Carolien E. Tantra
Michael Hawn
Pingky N. Wong

Carolien Tantra, *piano*

As bright as sun, my Lord appeared on my Damascus way.
He saved me from despair and dread, no longer do I stray.
I live in joy when in His light, now I can see my way.
My Savior, Jesus, is my sight, who turns darkness to day.
As bright as sun, My Lord will come with angels by his side.
Christ says, “Come, welcome, faithful one in joy, you will abide.”

Postlude

“Go Forth with Joy”

Gwyneth Walker

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 Gilbreath.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given memory of Euell Porter on his birthday (10-10-10). Dr. Porter served as Seventh’s Minister of Music 1955-1980.

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

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