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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

Pat Hynan, *Volunteer Director*

**Welcome**

Erin Conaway

**Call to Worship**

Robin Land

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**

“Creature Praise”

David Matthews

CHORISTERS

Large creatures, small creatures, short and tall creatures, come now and praise the Lord.

Young creatures, old creatures, hot and cold creatures, come now and praise the Lord.

*Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,*

*Sing praise to the Spirit, who makes all creatures one.*

*Sing praise for the goodness of what the Lord has done.*

*Let all creatures praise the Lord!*

Day creatures, night creatures, left and right creatures, come now and praise the Lord.

Near creatures, far creatures, anywhere you are creatures, come now and praise the Lord.

**Processional Hymn, No. 332**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## Litany of Growing

Wesley Zuniga

One: Most of the big things in our world start small. Acorns grow into splendid oak trees. Bubbling springs grow into mighty rivers. The whisper of a butterfly's wings can grow into a gigantic wind. And we grow from infants into big people.

**Many: God, help us to see our life is greater than any individual moment.**

One: Sometimes, just one smile at a new friend grows into love and a marriage and a family. Often, a small act of kindness makes an outsized impact in the life of someone who is hurting.

**Many: Fill us with courage to do the small things and with hope to trust their potential to make a big impact.**

One: But even when things stay small, they can make a huge difference in the world, especially when they work together. Tiny pieces of tile join together to form a breathtaking mosaic. Individual notes join others to make symphonies. Wisps of fabric become threads, then string, and then ropes strong enough to pull ships.

**All: Remind us of the power of tiny acts of faithfulness and hope. Raise our eyes to see the potential of every moment. Give us peace, knowing they all lead to you.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jun Hatakeyama

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 53:4-8*

Charlie Coker

## Epistle Reading

*Hebrews 5:1-5*

Eri Hatakeyama

## Hymn, No. 159

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
*Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month*

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 10:35-45*

Dillan Damping  
Ben Coker

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of God's People

Leslie Rosencrans

## Offertory

“Song”

Alan Louis Smith

Eury Alvarez Izcoa, *oboe*  
Doris DeLoach, *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

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 91:9-16

Edward Smith

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

**Many: No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

One: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**Many: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

One: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Many: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

One: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**All: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

## Anthem

### “The Image of God”

Craig Courtney

CHORISTERS, YOUTH CHOIR, AND SANCTUARY CHOIR

Eury Alvarez Izcoa, *oboe*

Carolien Tantra, *Volunteer Youth Choir Director*

In the beginning God shaped and formed me.

I am skillfully and wonderfully made.

I am the image of my Creator.

In ev'ry part of me His likeness is displayed.

Life flows from life and love from loving;

Gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.

A heart made glad, a soul unshaken;

Unbounded joy, in ev'ry breath a song of praise.

For His own purpose, God shaped and formed me.

I have a place within His plan.

I am the image of my Creator.

My past and future are secure within His hand.

Life flows from life and love from loving;

Gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.

A heart made glad, a soul unshaken;

Unbounded joy, in ev'ry breath a song of praise.

## Sermon

### “Ambition...”

Erin Conaway

*(Isaiah 53:4-12)*

## Silent Reflection

What happens when you find a good ambition is, you're going to get scared. If there's no risk, there's no story. And the best stories are the ones where you could lose your life telling the story. And you might.... Over 200 times in the Bible, God tells us, 'Do not fear.' Why? Because God's pressing us into better stories. Don't be afraid. Do this thing. It will make you a different person.... The more conflict there is, the better the story is going to be.... We have to lay down our lives. We have to pull out of the silly, stupid stories that we are brainwashed into telling by commercial society — stories about cars, clothes — just dumb stories. The No.1 way we consume stories — and have our moral compasses adjusted — is... through each other. People around us who are telling stories adjust what we think is beautiful and what we think profane, what we think is worth living for and what we think is worth dying for.

— Don Miller, quoted in *Context*

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 601**

“O How I Love Jesus”

*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**

“May My Light Shine”

Lynn Saw Bailey  
Becki Slagle Mayo

CHORISTERS

Readers: Sefton Farris, Jun Hatakeyama, and Camden McAllister

May my light shine like the star of Bethlehem.  
May the world see God’s love through me.  
May my light shine for my Jesus and my King.  
May I shine so others see.  
Star of wonder, star of light, shining down for all to see.  
Star of wonder, star of light, shine your light through me.

**Postlude**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Anna Laura Page

# Today at Seventh

## Choristers

Dillan Damping  
Sefton Farris  
Nathan Felix  
SuNom Felix

Eri Hatakeyama  
Jun Hatakeyama  
Liam Land  
Robin Land

Camden McAllister  
Comfort Michael  
Edward Smith  
Wesley Zuniga

## Youth Choir & Youth Handbell Choir

Sam Conaway  
Ava Farris  
Yuri Hatakeyama  
Ivy Hynan

Audrey Ludwig  
CJ McKeever  
Mathis McKeever  
Atticus Ryden

Eli Ryden  
Chloe Smith

**Our Pianist today** is Jim Williams.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in gratitude for Carolyn Wilkes. We are grateful for her years of leadership, dedication, and service with our Meals on Wheels Ministry.

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

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