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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Meditation**                      “Verset de Procession sur l’Adoro Te”                      Léon Boëllmann

**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.

**Choral Summons**                      “Be Still and Know”                      Fred Bock  
Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

**Processional Hymn, No. 467**                      “We Are One in Christ”

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 146**                      Don Cook

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to dust; on that very day their plans perish.

**Many: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

One: The maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry;

**Many: The Lord sets the prisoners free. The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

One: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Don Cook

## Meditation

The older I get, the more convinced I am that the space between people who are trying their best to understand each other is hallowed ground.

— Fred Rogers

## Old Testament Readings

*Ruth 1:1-13*

Rosalie Beck

*Ruth 1:14-22*

Rachel Farris

## Hymn, No. 469

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 12:38-44*

Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of God’s People

Daniel Farris

## Offertory

“Berceuse”

Ottorino Respighi

Kristin Mortenson, *violin*

Lydia Bratcher, *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.*

### **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****“Offertory”**

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, o man; He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness  
And to walk humbly with your God.

**Sermon****“An Uncertain Future”**

Matt Rosencrans

*(Ruth 1:1-22)***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**

If your hope is waning, find those who can sustain it. And when the time comes, you will carry someone else’s hope for them. No individual can resist despair on their own. We steady each other. We can’t afford despair.

— Cole Arthur Riley

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 672****“All Things Are Yours”**

*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**

“The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Be Upon You”

Herbert Colvin

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you;  
The love of God, the Father, be with you;  
And the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be yours,  
Now and evermore. Amen.

## **Postlude**

“March of the Priests”

Felix Mendelssohn

## **Today at Seventh**

**On Communion Sundays**, the Benevolence offering is received at the doors to help our neighbors in need.

**Our Pianist today** is Jim Williams.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in memory of Marlin Donald Cook, father of Don Cook, in honor of his 100th birthday (11/11/1924—8/30/1972) from Mary Ann and Don Cook.

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

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