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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

(LAUDA ANIMA)
Michael Burkhardt

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

“Psalm 100”

Euell Porter

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: Come into His presence with singing.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Processional Hymn, No. 215

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

One: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

Many: We thank you...

One: For the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

Many: We thank you...

One: For the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

Many: We thank you...

One: For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

Many: We thank you...

One: For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Many: We thank you...

One: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;

All: We thank you for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Sean Sutcliffe

Reading from the Revelation

Revelation 1:4b-8

Emily Ball

Hymn, No. 424

“At the Name of Jesus”

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

Scott Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Scott Turner

Offertory

“We Praise You, O God”

(KREMSEK, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626)
setting by Michael Burkhardt

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 93

Erin Conaway

One: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

Many: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

One: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Many: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

One: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

All: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Anthem

"My Eternal King"

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nail, and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

Sermon

“Keep You Scratching...”
(John 18:33-37)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

What kind of kingdom will this be? It will be a kingdom where, in accordance with Jesus' prayer, God's name is truly hallowed, his will is done on earth, human beings will have everything in abundance, all sin will be forgiven and all evil overcome. It will be a kingdom where, in accordance with Jesus' promises, the poor, the hungry, those who weep and those who are downtrodden will finally come into their own; where pain, suffering and death will have an end. It will be a kingdom that cannot be described, but only made known in metaphors: as the new covenant, the seed springing up, the ripe harvest, the great banquet, the royal feast. It will therefore be a kingdom—wholly as the prophets foretold — of absolute righteousness, of unsurpassable freedom, of dauntless love, of universal reconciliation, of everlasting peace. In this sense therefore it will be the time of salvation, of fulfillment, of consummation, of God's presence: the absolute future.

— Hans Küng, *On Being a Christian*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 158

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*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

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Jane Marshall

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Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Today at Seventh

Our Guest Conductor today is Donnie Balmos.

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Kay & David Pennington. “Dear Seventh Family, we can never thank you enough for the steadfast love you have blessed us with during these last many months.”

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

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