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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“This Joyful Eastertide”

(VREUCHTEN, 17th c. Dutch)
setting by John Ferguson

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

“Psalm 23”

Paul Basler

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
The Lord is my shepherd, forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn, No. 217

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

Leslie Rosencrans

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

One: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leslie Rosencrans

Reading from the Acts

Acts 9:36-43

Sean Sutcliffe

Hymn, No. 405

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of God’s People

Matt Rosencrans

Offertory

“Communion”

Gordon Young

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

(sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King,” No. 307)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Daniel Farris

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*

Sermon

“MORE!!!!”
(*John 10:22-30*)

Erin Conaway

Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Charlotte Daniel, *flute*
Faustina Beltran, *oboe*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways;
He leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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

Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step: what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day. The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all shadows away.

— Henri Nouwen

Hymn of Commitment, No. 68

“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

*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.

High School Senior Recognition

Scott Turner

Ian Bailey, Sam Conaway, and Eli Ryden

Choral Response

“May the Lord Christ Walk Ahead of You”

Timothy R. McKinney

YOUTH & SANCTUARY CHOIRS

May the Lord Christ walk ahead of you, to prepare and plan your way;
May the Lord Christ walk beside you, companion on your journey as you go;
May the Lord Christ be under you, to support and
Sustain you when you fall, for you and I will;
May the Lord Christ walk behind you, to complete and finish
That which you must leave undone, unfinished;
May the Lord Christ be within you, to give peace and comfort on the journey;
But above all; may the Lord Christ be over you,
Watching, calling, guiding, challenging, now and forever more.

Postlude

“Sing Praise to God”

(MIT FREUDEN ZART)

Paul Laubengayer

Today at Seventh

Youth Choir

Sam Conaway
Ava Farris
Yuri Hatakeyama

Ivy Hynan
CJ McKeever
Mathis McKeever

Atticus Ryden
Eli Ryden
Chloe Smith

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 honor of all mothers and those that have been like mothers to many.

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

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