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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation "Down in the River to Pray" Traditional American Song
arr. Daniel Lee Gibby

Adult Handbell Choir

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.

Gathering Hymn, No. 567 "For All the Saints"

Lorie Crowder and Pat Hynan, *handbells*

Litany of Saints Leslie Rosencrans

One: God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

Many: We lament their passing,

One: And honor their legacy.

Many: We give thanks for all we have learned from them.

One: Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

Many: We follow their example.

One: Those who made mistakes along the way,

Many: We learn from their experience.

One: Those who made progress for peace,

Many: We continue their work.

One: Those who lived simply and quietly,

Many: We are enlightened by them.

One: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

Many: We are humbled by them.

One: Those who have fallen asleep in peace and are awake to eternity,

Many: We commend them to your care.

One: They have finished their work on earth,

All: And it lives on, reverberating into our lives now as the work of Christ lives on.

— adapted from Fran Pratt (www.franpratt.com/litanies)

Prayer of Thanksgiving Leslie Rosencrans

Meditation "Oh, How Jesus Loves Me" W.B. Bradley, American Melody arr. Linda Lamb

Youth Handbell Choir

Reading from the Revelation *Revelation 7:9-17* Linda McManness

Epistle Reading *1 John 3:1-3* Abby Sitton

Hymn, No. 565 "God of Past, Who by Your Spirit"

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:1-12* Erin Conaway

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of God's People Erin Conaway

A white rose has been placed on the Communion Table in remembrance of Seventh & James members who passed away this last year.

Wil Schaeper

Judy McCracken

Offertory "It Is Well with My Soul" (VILLE DU HAVRE)
arr. David Schwoebel

Donnie Balmos and 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 Harper Hall 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 34:1-10, 22 Daniel Farris

One: I bless God at all times; praise is ever in my mouth.

Many: I glory in God; let the lowly hear it and rejoice.

One: Exalt God with me; let us extol the divine name together.

Many: I turned to God, and I was answered; I was saved from all my terrors.

One: People look to God and are radiant; let their faces not be downcast.

Many: Here was a lowly man who called—God listened, and delivered him from all his troubles.

One: The angel of God camps around those who show awe, and rescues them.

Many: Taste and see how good God is; happy is the one who takes refuge in the divine!

One: Fear the Eternal, you consecrated ones, for those who fear God lack nothing.

All: One misfortune is the deathblow of the wicked; the foes of the righteous shall be ruined.

In Memoriam

You are invited to write the name of a loved one you wish to remember on the card attached to your worship guide. Deacons will walk around to collect the cards as the music plays. We will call out the names near the end of the service as an act of remembrance and hope.

Anthem "Legacies" Heather Sorenson

Your faith was my first shelter. Your love was my first home.
The hymns you sang beneath your breath have now become my own.
Your silence was my sermon. Your strength, my guiding hand.
Your mercy, the first gospel my heart could understand.
Let me carry this sacred legacy of the Father to another
Who will then share His love with yet another.
This is my legacy: To love because He first loved me.
So I'll walk in transformation, every act a consecration,
As I claim this firm foundation of Truth that has been sown.
As I live out my salvation, let my life be affirmation
That the prayers of generations still call me when I roam.
Let me carry this sacred legacy of the Father to another
Who will then share His love with yet another.
This is my legacy: To love because He first loved me.

Sermon "Taste & See" Erin Conaway
(Psalm 34:1-10, 22)

Silent Reflection

Remember, God, to love us in a way
Our souls can taste
And rejoice
In.

— St. Teresa of Avila, in "In a Way the Grain Can Feel"

Hymn of Commitment, No. 550 "We're Marching to Zion"
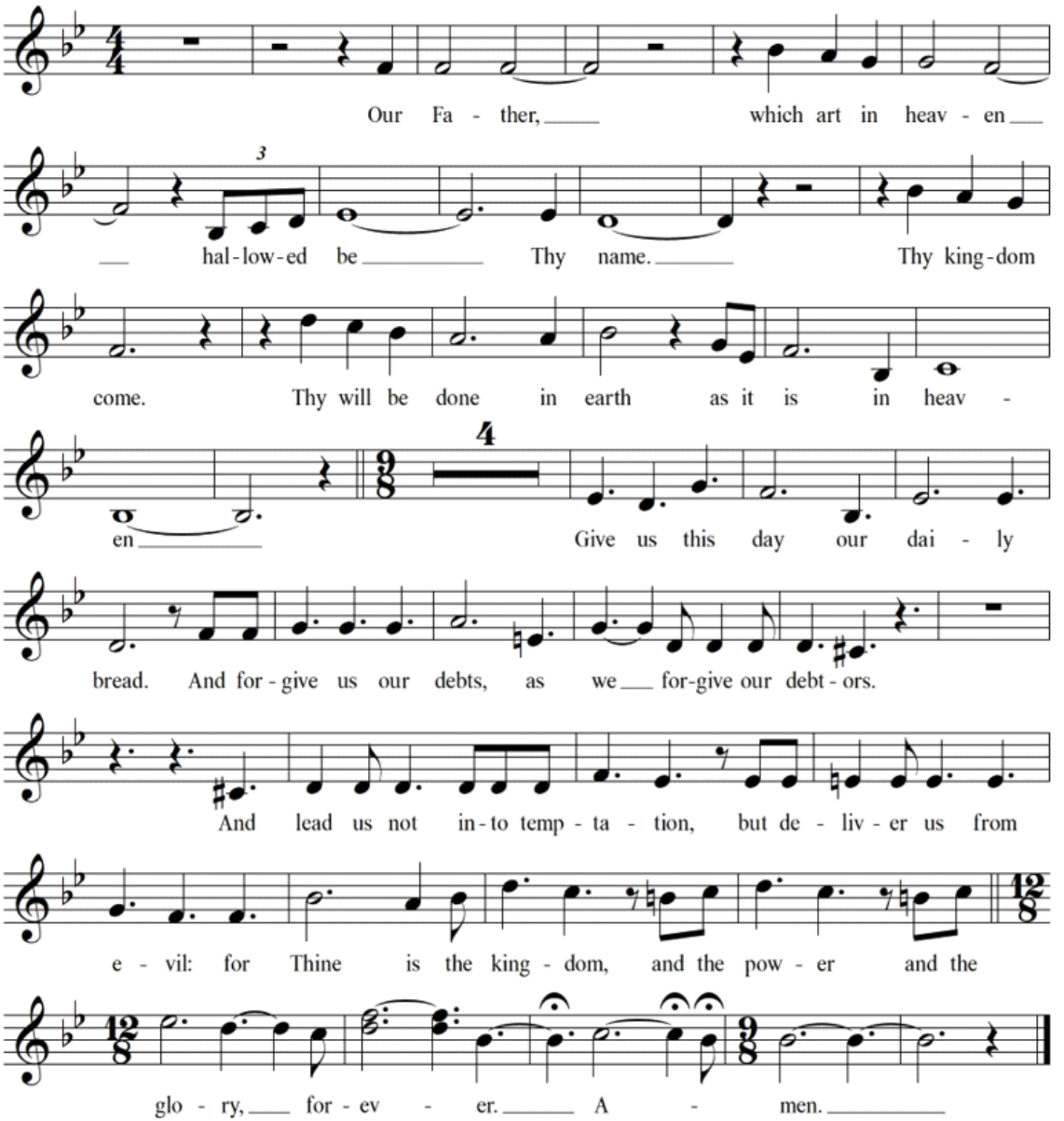
If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ or request membership in this congregation, our ministers will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.

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

Congregational Benediction "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte



Postlude "For All the Saints" (SINE NOMINE)
R. Vaughn Williams
arr. Wayne L. Wold

Today at Seventh

Adult Handbell Choir

Rosalie Beck	Doris DeLoach	Eli Ryden
Sonia Belew	Linda Hynan	Ann Sims
Carmen Conaway	Pat Hynan	Abby Sitton
Sam Conaway	Dean Kiesling	Pat Wilson
Lorie Crowder	Ann McGlashan	

Youth Handbell Choir

Sam Conaway	Cooper McAllister	Abby Sitton
Payge Evans	Mathis McKeever	Natalie Sitton
Ava Farris	Atticus Ryden	Rachel Sitton
Pat Hynan	Eli Ryden	

Our pianist today is Donnie Balmos.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Annette Lindsey in memory of the saints she has known and loved.

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

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