



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29, 2020

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=V4uPwUrCaV0>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

All: O God, you know!

One: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss, and grief?

All: O God, you know!

One: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

All: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

One: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

PRAYER

Holy and Gracious God, we come to you from far reaches of the world, untied by technology and united by prayer. We come to you in Spirit and in truth for that is what calls us to you this morning. Hear our worship from the solitude of our homes and in our lives that you will nourish our souls. It's in Your name we pray, Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1, 2, and 5)

Hymn 610

**¹O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**²The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.**

**⁵To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gospel Readings

John 11:1-16

Elder Tish Lowe

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ⁴ "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus ⁷ was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, ¹⁷ said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

John 11:17-27

Elder Fred Holbrook

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus^[d] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^[e] away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^[f] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

John 11:38-45

Pastor Jana Creighton

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

MESSAGE

Lazarus, Come Out!

One: Lazarus, Come out!
All: The dead man came out.
 One: Unbind us!
All: Let us go!

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn 286

**¹Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
 That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**²Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
 Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**³Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
 Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**⁴Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
 But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**¹What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**²O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**³What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain



The flowers this morning were given to the glory of God by Carol Griffith and in Thanksgiving for the many happy memories and wonderful friends here at Seven Oaks.

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SOPC Schedule of Virtual Events this Week

Sunday

9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
5:00 Children
6:00 Youth

Monday

10:30 Monday Morning
Prayer Meeting

Thursday

6:30 Christ and the
Chocolaterie'