



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 12, 2020

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

To begin your worship journey for this Resurrection Sunday, you are invited to listen to this contemporary hymn, *This is Amazing Grace*, by Phil Wickham.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRjr_x-yxU

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

If you are able, come prepared with a flower for worship today that we might adorn our worship with God's beauty.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

(Finn and Sawyer Creighton)

The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves.

(The Bowmans)

The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.

(The Bundricks)

We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "He is not here."

(Ed Keelen)

The Sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright!

(Donna Moore)

The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.

(Tracey Wilkes)

Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.

(Abigail Dempster)

All: Now we can proclaim, CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Accompanied by Tina and Mark Pilkington

Hymn 232

**¹Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**²Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**³But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**⁴Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, We rejoice, for you are King! It is in our hearts and on our tongues that we confess your lordship and we commit to your graces our shortcomings in this world (time of silent reflection). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven and now have the opportunity to walk in God's grace. Thanks be to God!—Isaiah 65:24-25

VIDEO MONTAGE OF EASTER AT SEVEN OAKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Monroe Swearingen

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SHORT REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-10

Jeanne LeBoeuf

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping.

SHORT REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Mark Pilkington

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SHORT REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-10

Melanie Mixon

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

SHORT REFLECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

TIME OF GREETING

*Our newest members will be honored formally in person when we are meeting together again in the sanctuary.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We proclaim today that in life and death we belong to God!
We proclaim today that the tomb is empty, but life in the risen Christ is full!
We proclaim today that the Risen Christ has conquered our sin!
We proclaim today that the Risen Christ brings life, in this world and the next!
We proclaim today that the Holy Spirit is moving us and leading us each day!
We proclaim today that grace is more powerful than grief and loss!
We proclaim today that mercy is more powerful than hate!
We proclaim today that hope is more powerful than despair!
We proclaim today that faith is more powerful than doubt!
We proclaim today that light is more powerful than any darkness!
We proclaim today that the love of God will heal and redeem and restore all things!
We proclaim today that Christ has Risen, he has Risen indeed!**

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection! (verses 1 and 3)

Hymn 233

¹The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

³Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

CLOSING PRAYER

Risen Lord, Eternal and Almighty God, we come to you, rescued by your holiness. You have so loved us that you have sent your only Son, our Lord, into this world for the forgiveness of sins and for the reconciliation of justice. May we praise you this day and all days to come. Hallelujah! Christ has died! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ will come again! Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Happy Easter!



This Week at SOPC

Zoom Link for Monday Prayer Meeting

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/546228347?](https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=bIBEYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09)

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Meeting ID: 546 228 347

Password: 093874

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 546228347 #

Zoom Link for Christ and the Chocolaterié

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/768039095?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/768039095?pwd=RVZzVE53QWRsN0I5V2IpNmZheXIKUT09)

[RVZzVE53QWRsN0I5V2IpNmZheXIKUT09](https://zoom.us/j/768039095?pwd=RVZzVE53QWRsN0I5V2IpNmZheXIKUT09)

Meeting ID: 768 039 095

Password: 085451

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 768039095 #

Zoom Link for Lanterns

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09>

Meeting ID: 549 066 835

Password: 168424

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 549066835 #

Zoom Link for Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09)

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Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

By Phone: 1646-558-8656 508111743 #

Zoom Link for Sunday Service (11:00 a.m.)

[https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

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Password: 072863

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 743754044 #

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