



Blessed are they who
have not seen, and yet
have believed.

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2020

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Once worship begins, please do not unmute yourselves. Zoom is very sensitive to sounds coming from our computers and to provide for the most fluid and clear worship experience for everyone, this is a small thing you can do to celebrate this worship opportunity! For our musicians, our hearts are with you as you miss being able to sing together. If you would like to record a piece of public domain hymn/music and work with Lloyd to have it as part of our worship experience, we would be honored! Send an email to Lloyd, Pastor Jana or sopc@sopc.net.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today, banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ is with us.

All: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

One: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

All: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

One: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory

All: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN

Thine is the Glory (verses 1 and 3)

Hymn 238

**¹Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body laid.**

(refrain) **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**³No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (refrain)**

MOMENT OF HOLINESS: Breakout rooms are assigned automatically. You will have 5 minutes to share with one another something you are excited about during this time of quarantine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a downward path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you, or touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim you, Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear, dear friends. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. Nothing can prevent God's love for us. Rejoice, for you have been made new in Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-29

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

MESSAGE

Doubting Thomas

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH VIDEO

Youth Witness to the Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Jana Creighton

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.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 611

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION/BLESSING/COMMISSION

One: Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.

All: **We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God in all that we do.**

One: May God's blessing continue in and through you to others.

All: **May God's love also pour into your hearts this day and always. Amen**

Congratulations to Jim and Elizabeth Taylor on the birth of their new grandson, William James Taylor, who was born on April 13th, weighing 9 lbs., 14 oz. and measuring 22 inches long. William James is the son of Jack and Laurel Taylor of Beaufort, NC.



This Week at SOPC

Zoom Link for Sunday Services

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09>

Meeting ID: 743 754 044

Password: 072863

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

Zoom Link for Children's Check-In and Sunday School

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 4961 6349

Password: 505967

Zoom Link for Youth Check-In and Sunday School

Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09>

Meeting ID: 947 7132 0620

Password: 651569

Zoom Link for Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

By Phone: 1646-558-8656 508111743 #

Zoom Link for Monday Prayer Meeting

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=b1BEYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09>

Meeting ID: 546 228 347

Password: 093874

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

Zoom Link for Christ and the Chocolaterie

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/768039095?pwd=RVZzVE53QWRsN0I5V2lpNmZheXIKUT09>

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 #

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