

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26, 2020



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

If possible, please watch this video before worship this morning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQd22F5onyM>

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

OPENING PRAYER

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20 KJV
We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.
Show us where you are today, in this place, and in each of us. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: The road is sandy and our hearts are tired.

All: We talk about many things, but really we just want to get back to normal.

One: We miss church and we miss the way things used to be.

All: We are scared. We had hoped it is true, that healing has begun.

One: But truth is, we do not know what to believe.

All: We do not notice the face of the one who walks beside us.

One: Are our hearts burning...?

All: Should we invite the stranger inside? To stay with us, rest here in our hearts as we wait?

One: Should we invite Jesus to create a well of deep waters that will quench our hearts in all things new?
Let us open our hearts in worship.

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name verses 1 and 4)

Hymn 263

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess our slowness of heart. We have failed to see you in our brothers and sisters,
We have failed to serve you in meeting the needs of our neighbors. We have failed to give our
hearts to you. Holy God, we are selfish, scared, and often numb to the beauty of the world and the
potential for grace that is around us and within us. Awaken us today, to all that becomes possible,
because you live.... Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends on the journey, hear the good news of the gospel: Jesus is near. Grace is real. We do not have to be perfect in our actions or our beliefs. We need only to open our hearts—to mystery, love, presence and joy, and the walk with God and one another.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE

A Walk Home

Rev. Jana Creighton

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (verses 1 and 2)

Hymn 260

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

CLOSING PRAYER

God you have made of us an Easter people, ready to tell the news of death’s defeat, eager to share our joy and our money, alive with hope, accompanied by glory, on the road with Jesus. Bless our gathering, our gifts, and our going forth. Amen

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE

Blessing and Honor

congregational meeting



A congregational meeting will be held via Zoom after worship on May 3rd for the purpose of hearing the report from our elder nominating committee and electing elders and a trustee for the Class of 2023.

Elder installation is planned during worship on June 7th, with the laying on of hands for any nonordained oncoming elders to be held upon our return to worship in the sanctuary.

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 Monday Prayer Meeting
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/546228347?](https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=bIBeYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09)

[pwd=bIBeYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09](https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=bIBeYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09)

Meeting ID: 546 228 347

Password: 093874

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

Zoom Link for Youth Check-In and Sunday School
Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?](https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09)
[pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09](https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09)

Meeting ID: 947 7132 0620

Zoom Link for Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)
[pwd=WUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)

Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

By Phone: 1646-558-8656 508111743 #

Zoom Link for Lanterns
Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlacGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09>

Meeting ID: 549 066 835

Password: 168424

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