



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2020

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

Please view this video prior to worship: <https://youtu.be/bfveawSAHJA>

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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cuba Partnership

Ben Smith

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Wesley King

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

One: Shout out to God, all the earth! Break into joyful songs to the one true God!

All: Sing of the glory due God's name, and offer the most magnificent praises!

One: All Your works are wonderful!

All: The entire earth bows down to worship You, singing songs of praise and glory to Your name.

One: Come, let's bless God together! Let's praise the One who gives us life and keeps us safe;

All: Let's praise the One who watches over us, and keeps our feet from stumbling. Let us Worship the Lord!

HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies (verses 1 and 2)

Hymn 327

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair, when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope; but we also remember times of hardship: when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been banished in exile from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today's troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence (moment of silence). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Psalm 66; 2 Timothy 2; Luke 17)

Give praise to God, who accompanies us on our journey, who hears our cries and anguish, and who remains faithful and answers our prayers. Give glory to God, who brings life out of death and joy out of sorrow!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

MESSAGE

You Are Not Alone

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's My Shepherd

Ernie and Julie Bussells

(arranged from William Gardiner's SACRED MELODIES, 1812)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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

I Love to Tell the Story (verses 1 and 2)

Hymn 462

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

CLOSING PRAYER

In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God. As we seek to endure life's struggles, as we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives—the very places you teach us to look for your freeing presence—teach us to trust that you are always there. May these gifts of worship and blessing be sent into our community and into the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

Please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit!



The flowers today were given to thank God for His amazing grace and blessings by Margaret and Al Charles.

Are you missing someone to talk to? Do you want to catch up about anything or nothing?

Pastor Jana is spending time 'visiting' folks at a socially acceptable distance, with masks in place to simply be with each of you. You are missed and loved and this is a small way we can reconnect during this time of isolation.

If you would like to spend a little time just seeing another face and chatting from a distance, please let the office or Jana know and you will be bumped to the top of the list! Sharing God's love one yard distance at a time...

The Mother's Day Offering

Mother's Day has traditionally meant a special offering in our church to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at 6 retirement communities across the state. The Mother's Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life's savings due to old age or costly medical bills, so that they can continue to call PCSC "home." Please visit www.prescommunities.org and click on the "Mother's Day Offering" tab to learn more and to donate online. Or you can send a check to the church with "Mother's Day Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for keeping this special Presbyterian tradition of caring for older adults alive!

Family Promise Host Week--If these were normal times, SOPC would be hosting the Family Promise Program this week, from May 17 – 24. Following COVID-19 protocol, the program is currently providing housing in local hotels and motels for these families and food allowances for them to get their own groceries and cook in their rooms. The Missions Ministry would like to ask that in lieu of donating your time or preparing a meal as you would usually volunteer to do, that a donation be made to SOPC specifically for Family Promise. Funds collected will be forwarded to Family Promise to assist in the food allowances and shelter for the families in the program, and thus we can continue to do God's work in this regard. You can mail a donation to the church or give through our electronic giving options (via text or through our website).

Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the birth of the church, is coming **May 31!** You are encouraged to send in pictures of your homemade birthday cakes to sopc@sopc.net so that we can collectively celebrate this day via Zoom worship. Similarly, don't forget to wear your red, yellows and oranges to worship on this day! In our breakout rooms, each group will vote on their most festively dressed participant who will be honored in a special way during that following week!

Giving statements through the month of April have been sent your email (a few were mailed). Thank you for your continued generosity during this time!

This Week at SOPC

Zoom Link for Sunday Services

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Meeting ID: 743 754 044

Password: 072863

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

Elder Training Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?pwd=OG01WmtoWWJvGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09)

[pwd=OG01WmtoWWJvGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?pwd=OG01WmtoWWJvGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09)

Meeting ID: 913 7757 9324

Password: 072531

By Phone 1(646)558-8656 91377579324#

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

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09)

[R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09](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?](https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09)

[pwd=K2xGOXcxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09](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?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUPnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09)

[pwd=WUPnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUPnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09)

Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

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Zoom Link for Wednesday Lunch & Prayer

Wednesdays at Noon

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/117025271?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/117025271?pwd=VTNhVjhSSlIhSaXBDE0E3VGyxbXpLQT09)

[pwd=VTNhVjhSSlIhSaXBDE0E3VGyxbXpLQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/117025271?pwd=VTNhVjhSSlIhSaXBDE0E3VGyxbXpLQT09)

Meeting ID: 117 025 271

Password: 019445

By Phone: 1(312)626-6799

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Zoom Link for Lanterns

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlacGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09)

[RmsrMVAXdnJibGlacGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlacGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09)

Meeting ID: 549 066 835

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