



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2020

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

You are invited to view this video before worship this morning: <https://youtu.be/kZtCTWulguM>

### 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

*Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives. Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

One: Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

**All: We wait for the coming Spirit.**

One: Come gather 'round; see the power of Christ before you.

**All: With joy, we praise God!**

HYMN

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (verses 1 and 3)

**Hymn 662**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ the true, the only light;  
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief:  
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power.

**All: You triumph over death and bring forth new life.**

One: You stand over all earthly powers.

**All: You are the head of the church.**

One: Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.

**All: We see violence in the world.**

One: We see injustice in our communities.

**All: We see hunger and need among our neighbors.**

One: We see longing for something more.

**All: We see failures and faults in our lives.**

One: In all these things, we feel powerless.

**All: Forgive our hesitance to call upon you.**

One: Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves.

**All: Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power.**

One: Speak your word of power again.

**All: May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (moment of silence). Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life. By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Lloyd and Tina Pilkington

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## MESSAGE

*It's a Good Life*

Rev. Jana Creighton

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
(arranged from William Gardiner's SACRED MELODIES, 1812)

Ernie and Julie Bussells

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Heidelberg Catechism)

One: How do you understand the words: "He ascended into heaven"?

**All: That Christ was taken up from the earth into heaven before the eyes of the disciples and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

One: What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

**All: First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to him. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a counterpledge by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.**

One: Why is there added: "And sits at the right hand of God"?

**All: Because Christ ascended into heaven so that he might manifest himself there as the Head of his Church, through whom the Father governs all things.**

One: How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

**All: First, by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members. Second, by His power, He defends and keeps us safe from all enemies. Thanks be to God.**

## 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

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn 268

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

## 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!

**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...

**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](mailto: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!

The flowers today are giving to the glory of God and in honor of our sons' birthdays, Lloyd and Wayne, and in appreciation of their love and devotion by Charlaine Pilkington.



**In our prayer...**  
Tom Falls  
Linda Floyd  
Ed Keelen  
SOPC Covid Task Force

### 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

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656

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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=VTNhVjhSSlhsaXBDC0E3VGyxbXpLQT09)  
[pwd=VTNhVjhSSlhsaXBDC0E3VGyxbXpLQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/117025271?pwd=VTNhVjhSSlhsaXBDC0E3VGyxbXpLQT09)

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=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09)  
[RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09)

Meeting ID: 549 066 835

Password: 168424

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Fellowship Ministry invites you to join us on Zoom on Memorial Day at 4:00 for our very first virtual ice cream social!

You can participate in 3 different ways. You can get your ingredients ready and make ice cream with us (during our Zoom meeting) or you can bring your own ice cream from your home freezer, or you can just come and visit!

These are the ingredients you'll need to make your serving of ice cream.

**1/2 cup half-and-half (substitute whole milk or heavy cream)**  
**1 tablespoon sugar**  
**1/4 teaspoon vanilla**  
**1 sandwich zip lock bag**  
**1 gallon zip lock bag**  
**3 cups crushed ice**  
**1/3 cup salt**  
**Spoon for eating**



**May 25, 2020 4:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83873754872?  
pwd=NkZ1NEZqZllo0WINEWjdjWHM4RTZJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83873754872?pwd=NkZ1NEZqZllo0WINEWjdjWHM4RTZJUT09)**

**Meeting ID: 838 7375 4872**

**Password: 657643**

**Phone: (312) 626-6799**

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