



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020

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

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### 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

PRELUDE

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Allen/arr. Pilkington

#### OPENING PRAYER

Lord, We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

#### GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

One: God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.

**All: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.**

One: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

**All: Let us sing songs of joy to God.**

One: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

#### HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (verses 1, 2, 4)

**Hymn 14**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

(refrain) **Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.** (refrain)

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:** (refrain)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work as we wait for clarity on the mission of your church during this time of uncertainty. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus' Name. (moment of silent confession) AMEN.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you. AMEN.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Sharon Watkins, Dulcimer

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

MESSAGE

*Abundance and Joy*

Rev. Jana Creighton

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

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* (verses 1 and 3)

Hymn 451

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

CLOSING PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart. Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation. Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. AMEN.

**Go in peace!**

POSTLUDE

*O Zion Haste*

Walch/arr. Pilkington

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

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

**Music Notes:** *Praise Him! Praise Him!* is based on lyrics written by Fanny Crosby. Despite the fact that she was blind, she wrote over 9,000 hymns. What a great witness to God's power working through our weakness and limitations. This arrangement uses a variety of tuned percussion instruments. Thanks to Sharon Watkins for her arranging and performing *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* on the Dulcimer. The postlude is based on the hymntune *Tidings*. Mary Thomson's lyrics call all Jesus' followers to share the good news of peace, redemption and release!

**In our prayers...**

Tom Falls  
Linda Floyd  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba  
Jake Fogle

Janice Holbrook  
Scott Wilhide

Barb Schneider  
SOPC Covid Task Force  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk

Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom for our Prayer Meeting.



## ZOOM INTEREST PROGRAMS HAVE BEGUN (Z.I.P.)

Below are Z.I.P. offerings for this week. Contact individual leaders of the groups by phone, text, or email (information provided in email), along with Kathy Keane (803-467-4224, kathygkeane@gmail.com)

### Game Night: July 14 (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.

Leader: Melanie Mixon

Contact Melanie Mixon: glmixon@msn.com (803) 319-7199

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87612381056?pwd=YVBEBTFjcmhLWDDd1UnFmKytVSmJ3QT09>

Meeting ID: 876 1238 1056 Password: 255529

### Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor

Leader: Ed Keelen

Class began June 25, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., 4 weeks.

Contact Ed Keelen : edkeelen@gmail.com (803)760-4704

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080161987?pwd=Q2cvbmNzOUl0SG9lWnplNHpsdXBZdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 8016 1987 Password 393660

### July 15 and 22

### Your Heart Beats. You Dance!

Leader: Barbara Howse-Diemer

In this 2-session dance offering, Barbara will lead participants through an easy to follow, creative dance phrase. This will evolve through their own natural flow, rhythm and individual movement choices. All ages welcome! Standing or sitting. Close to 30 minutes.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81875601955?pwd=aGNATGJRNzljUUplESjdMUXQ5Vm1hZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 7560 1955 Password: 950447

### Transforming Inside and Out with a Virtual Beauty Experience

Leader: Tracey Wilkes

Two different sessions are being offered – you can do one or both!

**Ultimate Pampering Session – Register by July 13. Pampering Session is July 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

Contact: Tracey Wilkes: [traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com](mailto:traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com), (803)920-3509

### NEW DATE: Being Dead is No Excuse

Leader: Sue Kesterson

July 21, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

## This Week at SOPC

### Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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[pwd=WUplnlhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnlhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)

Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 508111743 #

Sunday Service 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 #

Children's Check-In and Sunday School 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

### Tuesday

Being Dead is No Excuse: Tuesday at 1 p.m.

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[pwd=RTd2VknOUTEzSDBGaXpCdWtVnK9JUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85344128441?pwd=RTd2VknOUTEzSDBGaXpCdWtVnK9JUT09)

Meeting ID: 853 4412 8441 Password 903348

**POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 21**

Game Night: Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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### Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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[pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)

Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

By Phone: 1(301)715-8592 89705113395#

Your Heart Beats, You Dance: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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### Thursday

Learning to Walk in the Dark: Thursday at 10 a.m.

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### Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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