



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 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!

PRELUDE

Jesus is All the World to Me

Thompson/Pilkington

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Michaela Craven and SOPC Youth

One: Thank you, God that you have gifted each of these students uniquely.

All: We praise you because they are fearfully and wonderfully made.

One: Thank you, God for giving these students a mind that can know.

All: Open their minds to learn new things that they may grow in wisdom.

One: Thank you, God for giving these students a heart that can love.

All: Help them love others like Jesus did

One: Thank you, God for giving these students hands that can serve.

All: Help them to serve others like Jesus did.

One: Thank you, God for giving these students eyes to see.

All: May they use their eyes to see new friends.

One: Thank you, God for giving these students ears to hear.

All: Open their ears to hear their teachers, lecturers, or tutors.

One: Thank you, God that you have given them mouths to taste.

All: May these students always remember that your word is sweeter than honey.

One: Thank you, God that you have given these students voices to praise.

All: May the words they speak bring glory to you.

One: Thank you, God that you have given these students noses to smell.

All: May their lives be filled with the aroma of you.

One: May they shine their lights brightly in their schools. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me

Ernie and Julie Bussells

TIME OF PRAYER

Michaela Craven

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people

multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

MESSAGE

Parallels

Rev. Jana Creighton

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join us in a time of prayer.

Video

Congregational Response

We pray for all those who learn—children, youth, young adults and adults. Keep them from being discouraged when facing the trials of the day. Instill in them a desire to grow in wisdom and understanding. Grant them the discipline of study and the ability to concentrate. We pray for all of us as learners, O God. We know that we never stop learning about your love and faithfulness. We thank you, O God our creator, for teaching us through your word and through your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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

Lead On, O King Eternal! (verses 2 and 3)

Hymn 269

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

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



In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Barb Schneider Tom Falls Janice Holbrook
Linda Floyd Scott Wilhide Jake Fogle SOPC Covid Task Force
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba

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

New Sermon Series starting today, August 23! The book of Exodus explores issues that we are now facing in the world of Covid: politics, fear and salvation. Quite frankly, we are in a period of what many describe as Exodus. Come, be a part of our sermon series where we hope to uncover how we can learn ways to respond and grow in today's tumultuous climate!

Music Notes: Today's prelude is based on a popular gospel hymn. It is arranged today for handbells. Many thanks to Ernie and Julie Bussells for providing the special music today.

Children and Youth News: Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be prayer buddies for our children and youth for the coming year. You are greatly appreciated!

Another thank you to the children and youth who made today's worship come together by stepping up to be a part of worship!

We will have children's check-in at 5 p.m. Sunday night!



The sanctuary is open for **Prayer on Thursdays** between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please feel free to come between those hours to pray. Your temperature will be taken before you are allowed in, you must wear a mask, and social distancing will be observed!!! If you feel ill, have a temperature, or have been near someone with Covid 19, please do not come to the sanctuary on Thursday. No appointment is needed to attend.

Worship in-person is coming September 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!



If you choose to come in person, your faces will be smiling because we get to celebrate our God together! If you are joining by Zoom or by phone, no worries-you too, will be part of our celebration! Together we are working towards a beautiful day of worship. The Regathering Task Force and Session both are calling us to remember that when we enter into thanksgiving (and into the room), we are each agreeing to make a space of safety and love for all in attendance by following the Regathering for Worship Covenant. Please read this in advance and when you are ready and choose to come in person, know that the Lord is calling us safely to join, for this is the day that the Lord has Made!

This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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

Children's Check-In and Sunday School at 5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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Covenant for Returning to Worship

WE WILL: assume the best in one another and be patient with each other as we navigate a new reality.

WE WILL: not come to church if we have symptoms.

WE WILL: clean and sanitize after every gathering.

WE WILL: keep 6' distance from those not in our families.

WE WILL: sanitize our hands when we enter the building.

WE WILL: refrain from hugging and shaking hands.

WE WILL: wear masks when we are indoors together.

WE WILL: offer alternatives to the practices of passing offering plates, communion trays, and bulletins.

WE WILL: continue worship and small gatherings online even when we can gather together.