

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Redeemed

Kirkpatrick/arr. Pilkington

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-2

Rev. Jana Creighton

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works. Let us worship the LORD.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Sharon Watkins, piano

Thompson/arr. Watkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-8; 4:1-15

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Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

MESSAGE

God's Call in Moments of Crisis

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-17a; 4:1-15

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁶ Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

MESSAGE

God's Presence in the Great "I Am"

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 4:1-15

Then Moses answered, "But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" ² The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³ And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— ⁵ "so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

⁶ Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. ⁷ Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— ⁸ "If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. ⁹ If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do."

MESSAGE

God's Provision in All Things

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land (verses 1 and 4)

Hymn 52

**When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!**

**O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go!
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go in peace!

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

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

In our prayers this week...

The family of Barb Schneider, who entered into the kingdom triumphant on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Tom Falls	Janice Holbrook	Eleanor Evans
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.



Congratulations to Jesse and Brooke Summerlin on the birth of their son, Asher Nichols, on Monday, August 24, 2020. Proud grandparents are Amy and Larry Schwartz. Proud great-grandparents are Marty and Pete Spearman!

Music Notes: Today's prelude is based on the music of William J. Kirkpatrick and Fanny Crosby's lyrics, and is performed by a brass quintet. This hymn celebrates our place in the family of God with the closing refrain, "*Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.*" *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* is a wonderful hymn inviting us to receive the love, mercy and pardon that Jesus came to bring.

Children and Youth News: Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's Back to School Worship and a special thank you to everyone who has agreed to be prayer buddies for our children and youth for the coming year.

We will have children's check-in at 5 p.m. on 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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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

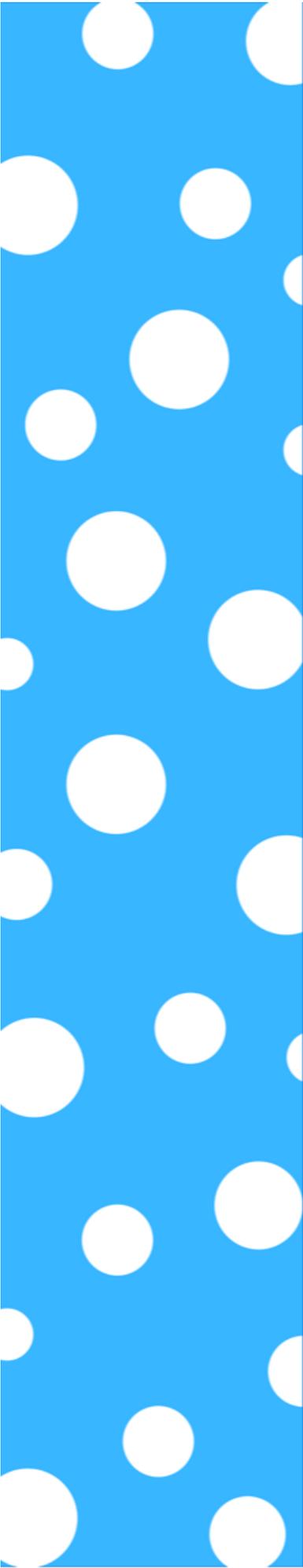
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Covenant for Returning to Worship

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.