



# Manna in the Wilderness

## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

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



### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Zoom Worshipers: 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!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (in-person worship only)

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Cindy Berry

*Shout to the North*

arr. Cindy Berry

*And Can it Be?*

arr. Anna Laura Page

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Praise to Our Lord*

arr. Pilkington

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Psalm 34:8)

Rev. Jana Creighton

O taste and see that the Lord is good; All: happy are those who take refuge in him.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Today is a day of celebration, Lord!

Together we gather in person and in Spirit to honor Your presence in one another!

Today, We come to church hungry, Lord!

We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word.

Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship,

and we are eager to taste your goodness in community, with our brothers and sisters.

Bless us as we feast on the Bread of Life today. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-15

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<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

## A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*As you are following the scripture, please use this time to reflect on God's work in your life, providing manna in our current wilderness. We will return to this scripture next week in our sermon, but for now you are invited to contemplate ways you may be similar to the Israelites on their journey. What do you want to celebrate and give thanks for? What do you grieve losing? How might you be complaining about the manna provided? Ask God to come into your hearts on this day and shed light on your own wilderness journey.*

## SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist

A MOMENT OF HOLINESS (Ushers will come by to provide hand sanitizer prior to taking communion this morning. Your communion cups have both wafer and juice inside, separated by layers of foil. You will be instructed to open each portion at the appropriate time during communion. If you need assistance or if you need a gluten free wafer, please raise your hand and you will be provided a pre-wrapped wafer.)

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

### HOLY COMMUNION

*After taking communion, please place used communion cups underneath your chairs. Ushers will pick them up after worship.*

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Jesus, through your death and resurrection you reconciled the world to God, and through your example you have shown us a way to peace.  
Give us strength as the people of God  
to be channels of peace in the world,  
speaking your peace, living your peace,  
and always longing for that moment of eternal peace  
when we shall see you again. Amen.**

### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Honoring Michaela Craven, director of youth and children's ministries

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

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**A box has been placed at the Fellowship Hall entrance for your offering.**



### 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.

**Session Chairs Meeting** will be held Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Today's flowers** were given to the glory of God by John and Tara Whitfield.

**SOPC Choir Zoom September 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967310340?pwd=ZWhKY1A5Nk5acURNOEd4b2VVNjBpZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 6731 0340 Password: 551838 By phone: 1(312)626-6799 89967310340#

Today is **Michaela Craven's** last day with SOPC. She will be partnering with her parents to start up an estate sale business here in South Carolina. Michaela's joy for service and love for community will be deeply missed. After worship, you are invited at designated times (so as to social distance, with masks) to offer your love, appreciation and support for Michaela on her new venture. This will be held in the pavilion and the schedule is below: Please note, we will not have breakout rooms following worship.

**11:45-12:15 In-person worshipers**

**12:30-1:00 Last names starting with A-L**

**1:15-1:45 Last names starting with M-Z**

**2:00-2:30 Children and youth and families**

**2:30-3:00 Zoom Call to honor Michaela using link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85969030339?pwd=aTVNbHVSMHNUcDMrMIZ4MUc3c1U3dz09>

Meeting ID: 859 6903 0339 Password: 218533

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 85969030339#



The sanctuary will be open for **Prayer on alternate 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. The next date the sanctuary will be open for prayer is September 17.

**Our next In-Person Worship date is Sunday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!**

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**This Week at SOPC**

**Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)

[pwd=WUplnhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)

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=bWIHWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

[pwd=bWIHWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

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

**Wednesday**

**Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVTlvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)

[pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVTlvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVTlvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)

Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

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

**SOPC Choir Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on 9/16/20**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967310340?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967310340?pwd=ZWhKY1A5Nk5acURNOEd4b2VVNjBpZz09)

[pwd=ZWhKY1A5Nk5acURNOEd4b2VVNjBpZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967310340?pwd=ZWhKY1A5Nk5acURNOEd4b2VVNjBpZz09)

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**Friday**

**Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.**

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

Meeting ID: 549 066 835 Password: 168424

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 549066835 #



# *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.