



EXODUS 16:14 "WHEN THE LAYER OF DEW HAD LIFTED, THERE ON THE WILDERNESS GROUND WAS A FINE FLAKY SOMETHING, FINE AS FROST ON THE GROUND."

## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 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

*Holy Manna*

Moore/arr. Pilkington

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jana Creighton

One: From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

**All: That was the bread from heaven!**

One: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

**All: Christ is the bread of life!**

One: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

**All: Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God does for us. Amen.**

HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymn 81

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.**

**God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.**

**On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?**

**With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear**

**for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.**

**Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,**

**safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,**

**well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?**

**Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-15

Rev. Jana Creighton

<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."

MESSAGE *The Spirit of Complaining* Pastor Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC *There is a Balm in Gilead* Spiritual  
Ernie Bussells, soloist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hymn 65

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Go in peace!**

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#### MOMENT OF HOLINESS

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

**LORD,  
hear  
our prayer**

#### **In our continued prayers...**

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster  
Linda Floyd Jake Fogle  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk

Tom Falls Janice Holbrook Eleanor Evans  
SOPC Covid Task Force Scott Willhide  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba

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

**Music Notes:** Holy Manna is an early American hymntune most frequently sung to Brethren We Have Met to Worship. The special music is an arrangement of the African American spiritual that reminds us that in times of discouragement, God is there to comfort, to heal, and to make us whole.

### **Worship in-person next Sunday, September 27 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! 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!



Redeemer Lutheran continues to collect magazines, books & candy to take to patients in Columbia hospitals. If you would like to donate, please drop items off at SOPC Missions Room or the church office or take directly to Redeemer Lutheran Church (across the street from Seven Oaks Presbyterian). The Mission Ministry thanks you for your support!

**Session** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21 using the Zoom Link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82711482668?pwd=UnNLVnN4dktCNjllcGNyQnFSN01KZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 1148 2668  
Password: 216747  
By phone: 1(312)626-6799 82711482668#

**More Justice** leaders are invited to a brief meeting on Zoom following worship this morning. If you have not made contact with your MORE Justice representative and would like to attend a MORE Justice house meeting in order to hear what God is doing in our midst, please contact Polly Robinson (pollyrobinson195@msn.com), Julie Bussels (jbussells8287@gmail.com), Ben Smith (benmason32@live.com) or Jana Creighton (janacreighton@gmail.com) to learn more.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89048756488?pwd=NGhWcHp5TFhLMlFakK3dGSGtMWDm4dz09>

Meeting ID: 890 4875 6488 Password: 566994  
By phone: 1(646)558-8656, 89048756488#

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## **This Week at SOPC**

### **Sunday**

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?  
pwd=WUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)  
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?  
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=  
R28reFBHbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09](https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=R28reFBHbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09)  
Meeting ID: 973 4961 6349 Password: 505967

### **Monday**

Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82711482668?  
pwd=UnNLVnN4dktCNjllcGNyQnFSN01KZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82711482668?pwd=UnNLVnN4dktCNjllcGNyQnFSN01KZz09)  
Meeting ID: 827 1148 2668 Password: 216747  
By Phone: 1(312)626-6799 82711482668#

### **Wednesday**

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?  
pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)  
Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

### **Friday**

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.  
[https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=  
RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09)  
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.