



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 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

Hymns of Praise

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Pilkington

OPENING PRAYER (Lyrics from *How Firm a Foundation*)

Rev. Jana Creighton

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee and thy trials to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to sake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake! **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 14:1-25

Rev. Jana Creighton

Then the LORD said to Moses: ² Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. ³ Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them." ⁴ I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷ he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸ The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

MESSAGE *Hardened Hearts* Pastor Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Creatures Sing Alleluia* arr. Pilkington

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE *“Forward” Be Our Watchword* Haydn

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

Zoom worshipers, please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit! In-person worshipers, ushers will lead you out beginning with the back pews and moving towards the front of the Fellowship Hall.



In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Tom Falls	Eleanor Evans	Ed Keelen
Linda Floyd	Jake Fogle	Scott Willhide	SOPC Covid Task Force	
Patricia Williams	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk		Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

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

Are you a music lover? You have likely noticed that when we are in-person, we are not singing hymns. The desire to sing is so prevalent when we are gathered as the body of Christ, that even the temptation to sing can be overwhelming. Your music team, task force and session are working to embrace new ways to incorporate music into our worship services so that we may fully experience the presence of God in our midst. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt and readapt to the needs of the pandemic!

Music Notes: As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live that praise and glorify God. Today's prelude and special music call us to fill our hearts with praise to God. The postlude comes from the hymntune *St. Alban*. Henry Alford's words for that hymntune call us to join our hearts and hands and to step forward in faith, answering God's call and doing God's work

**Our Next In-Person Worship will be Sunday, October 11 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 .



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!

SOPC Youth is back in Action!

Never have I seen our youth so grateful to be together again than during this pandemic! They are hungry to participate in Kingdom Building work, in church participation, and in fellowship building. Please pray for your youth at SOPC and God's work through them during this time! If you would like to participate in any single event (or long-term) with the youth, we would cherish your participation. Please contact Julie and Ernie Bussells, Karan and Jason Bundrick, or Pastor Jana to let us know how you might be a part of this excitement! In Christ, Pastor Jana

Adult Sunday School is moving consistently to 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. This meets the needs of those gathering in-person and keeps a regularly scheduled meeting time to study God's word together. See you there!

This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

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

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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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)

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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)

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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

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

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.