



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent

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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

Jesus broke the current interpretation of the law to do what was right, drawing the wrath of those who interpreted the rules differently. Consider Jesus' question, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus, I Love Thee

Arr. Pilkington

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

People: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God. Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

~ by Thom Shuman, from Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jana Creighton

Light-giving, salvation-making God, we have staked our living and our dying and our being raised to new life on your steadfast love and faithfulness. You have promised to hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble. You have promised to set us high on a rock, above those powers and forces that batter us, that tempt us, that work against us. We have sought your presence, listening for your Word: your Word that gives life; your Word that heals the wounded heart; your Word that speaks truth. Teach us your Way, O Lord Jesus. Find us, even here. Lead us on a well-lighted path.

~ Adapted by KPH from a prayer by Christine Jerrett. <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>

Hymn:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hernaman

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.**

**As thou did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus with us abide.**

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

Just As I Am

Elliott/Bradbury

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

Rev. Jana Creighton

MESSAGE

Even Here Sermon Series: Even Today

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Prayer

arr. Pilkington

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.

OFFERING

Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:

<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Anonymous

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

**Through the world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Rise Up, Servants of God

arr. Pilkington

Music Notes: The music today begins with an affirmation of our love for, and commitment to, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A Prayer is an original composition designed to provide a moment of reflection on the words Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." The postlude broadens the hymn Rise Up, O Men of God into a calling for all God's people to live a life of service for the kingdom of God.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am

Youth Check-in at 10:00 am

Children's Check-in at 1:00 pm

- **The Nominating committee would like your opinion!** If you know someone in the church that would be an excellent candidate for session elder please email their name to the church office for consideration (sopc@sopc.net). Please have your names in by today.
- **Children's Check-in and Sunday School:** TIME CHANGE!! Meetings will begin at 1:00 pm, unless notified otherwise.
- **Lenten Devotional:** Join Pastor Jana every Wednesday at 6:30 pm via Zoom for a special Lenten Devotional, February 24, 2021 through March 31, 2021. This will be a time to meditate on God's Word during the season.
- **Youth:** Thursday: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Youth meeting in the Pavilion. Bring your own dinner or snack. (2 parent volunteers needed). For questions or to volunteer please contact Pastor Dan at dannyloffredo@hotmail.com
- **Presbyterian Women:** To fulfill our obligations and give financially to agencies we support, if you plan to pay PW dues -now would be a great time! Make payable to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Women (SOPW) and mail to the church. Sharon can place checks in the PW box. All women are welcome and encouraged to meet with Hannah Circle via ZOOM the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. ZOOM link is in leaflet. For more info – see this week's leaflet.
- **Session:** Chairs Meeting, Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Check your email for zoom link.
- *If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

In our continued prayers...



Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Ed Keelen Al Charles
Linda Floyd Scott Wilhide Joe Gause SOPC Covid Task Force
John Anderson Daniel and Elizabeth Turk
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

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

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This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

Youth Check-In at 10:00 a.m.

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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 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

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Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://meet.google.com/gei-nbcw-upo>