



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 7, 2021

Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE

Jacob's Ladder

Arr. Pilkington

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you this morning, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

Leader: Grant us your peace. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dan Loffredo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Sometimes we follow you like fans, rather than disciples. We want you for what we think you can give us. Friendship, Peace, Certainty, Validation, Security, We often are a clamoring and confused crowd. Have compassion on us, Holy One. Heal us and send us forth sharing compassion with all of your people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dan Loffredo

We know from Scripture that all who touched Jesus were healed, that all who confess are forgiven.

Forgiveness and healing are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hymn:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

arr. Mason

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. Dan Loffredo

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44

Rev. Jana Creighton

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.

³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.

⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied.

⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Feeding the 5000

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Ernie & Julie Bussells

OFFERING

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

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

Souper Bowl of caring. This year we will be accepting monetary donations for Sharing God's Love. Please go online to donate or mail checks to SOPC with a note for Souper Bowl of Caring.

SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Creighton

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Mote/Bradbury

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Be now and ever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Rise, O Children of Salvation

arr. Pilkington

Music Notes: The prelude and special music are both arrangements of American folk hymns. In Jacob's Ladder, each verse calls us to climb higher by loving and serving Jesus more and more. For *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*, Ernie and Julie added a final verse bringing a message of hope. The postlude is based on the 17th century hymntune *Unser Herrscher*, proclaiming God as Ruler and King over all!

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.

Today at SOPC

- * Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am
- * Children's Sunday School is back at 1:30 pm. Check in on zoom (link on last page).
- * SOPC Youth / Kids Super Bowl Party from 5:30 p.m. to halftime of the Super Bowl (8:15 p.m.) each family is requested to provide their own pizza for the party and lawn chair. Smore's will be provided! Julie and Ernie Bussels may be rained out from our recent weather in which case we will meet at SOPC pavilion to watch from the comfort of our yard chair! Check Remind and your email for an update this afternoon.
*If you did not already RSVP and would like to attend please contact Rev. Dan Loffredo at dannyloffredo@hotmail.com

Lent begins February 17th, 2021. In preparation, you are each invited to begin setting aside a small (or large) space within your home dedicated to reflection and drawing close to God during this season. The ultimate hope of our lives comes at Easter, how will we prepare?



Every Monday at 12:15 pm, join us for Chair Yoga. Cost is \$10 per month. Contact Ed Keelen with questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7734180282?pwd=WnBRRVB3bGVodm94a1E0SEVub3gvQT09>
Meeting ID: 773 418 0282 Password: Namaste

Hannah Circle: Thursday, February 11, at 7 pm via zoom. This month's lesson is from "Carved in Stone", last year's Horizons book, lesson #9. Sue Kesterson will teach the lesson. Come for fellowship, to catch up, learn, love, pray and serve!!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83912080981?pwd=SGV6aDVpT0FrTWJVMnJyaitHQ3NFUT09>
Meeting ID: 839 1208 0981 Passcode: 658666

Coming Soon... Be on the lookout for updates about youth group meetings resuming soon on Thursdays!

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This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUJpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRlE41dz09>

Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863
By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 743754044 #

Children's Check-In and Sunday School at 1:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RLYUdCWml0dz09>

Meeting ID: 845 7332 8620 Password: 237447

Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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