



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 14, 2021

4th 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

Paul describes Christ Crucified as a stumbling block. Look back on your own walk with God. When have you had a misconception about God? What has caused the misconception - something internal or external? What have you done to have a healthier understanding of God?

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

MORE Justice

Ben Smith

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

Fischer

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

Leader: Now. Now. Now. The time is now.

People: Now is the time for good news.

Leader: Now is the time to fulfill the hopes and fears of all the years.

People: Now.

Leader: It could be time for us to believe that we are just beginning.

People: We are just now finding lyrics for our hope.

Leader: Just now, we are finding words to claim what it might mean for the realm of God to come near.

People: It has all come to this.

Leader: It has come to this moment when we gather for worship to wonder again how we will fulfill this time.

People: Let us worship and wonder.

~by Elsa Anders Cook, at <https://cookingwithelsa.org/tag/pandemic/>

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jana Creighton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that my desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~by Thomas Merton

Hymn:

Come Down O Love Divine

da Siena

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn,
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round the while my path illuming.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dan Loffredo

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, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

MESSAGE

The Cross from Several Different Angles

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

OFFERING

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

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Endowment Birthday Fund

Richard Brinkley

SPECIAL MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sharon Watkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dan Loffredo

Creator God, we come before you asking prayers for those who lead nations, cities, churches, and homes. As you poured out your love in the Word, may we hear your word and follow; may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

Holy One, we come before you - a people broken into shards of lives, sick, poor, hungry, hidden by the limitations of our eyes. Help us to see as You see, as you poured out your love in the Word. May we hear your word and follow, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

God of Mercy, we come before you – seeking to live as you command, but often failing, and thus we are torn by cries of despair, anger, power, control, lost to foolishness, and stumbling blocks, despite your love in the Word. Help us to hear your word and follow. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you. Gentle God, we come before you, giving thanks for all our blessings, the gift of life, hope, faith, Love, family, friends, and all we care for this day. Help us to be Your hands. Incline Your heart, O gracious God, and teach us to love.

~ written by Terri C. Pilarski, and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org/2012/03/11/sunday-prayer-lent-3b/>

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.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 To God and to the a Lamb who is the great I AM,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And through eternity, I'll sing on.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

arr. Pilkington

Music Notes: Worship opens with William Fischer's setting of Katherine Hankey's lyrics for I Love to Tell the Story. This great hymn reminds us we have great good news to tell the whole world! One of the most beautiful hymn settings of Psalm 23 is The King of Love My Shepherd Is. The postlude is based on the George Webb's hymn calling all Jesus' followers to step forward in faith.

Stay on Zoom when worship is over to fellowship in breakout rooms

Announcements

- **Adult Sunday School:** Please note, you have a new zoom link and call in number!
- **SOPC KIDS:** Bring a friend and join us at Congaree National Park Walk, Today at 2:30 pm.
- **Family Movie Night:** Parents, children and youth, join us on March 20, 2021 at 6:30. Bring a chair, snacks and drinks for your family.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** March 28, 2021, 1:30-3:00. We need Candy!!! Please see Leaf for more information.
- **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
- **Walk 2 Talk:** Thank you to everyone who has joined us the last few weeks for Walk 2 Talk. We will continue to meet each Saturday at 11:00 am in the church parking lot to Walk 2 Talk. Bring your mask and water!
- **Easter Lilies:** Easter lilies are on sale now!! \$15.00 each. You can register online or send a check to the office with your order. <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/44423>
- **Easter Sunday!** Join us for worship via Zoom at 9:00 am and/or in person at 11:00 am. Please be aware, to attend the 11:00 am service you must pre-register! If you are not comfortable registering online feel free to call (803-772-1761) or email (sopc@sopc.net) the church office no later than Thursday, March 25, 2021. Register at: <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/44287> no later than Palm Sunday.
- *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	Anne Crook	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk	
Nancy Humphreys	Jo Groce	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

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



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2023: Karan Bundrick - Worship
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Chair

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Jim Wilhide

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This Week at SOPC

Sunday's

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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By phone:1(301)715-8592,85010780625#

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 & Sunday School at 1:00 p.m.

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Weekday's

Chair Yoga: Monday at 12:15

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Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Lenten Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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Hannah Circle: 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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