

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Sue Kesterson

HYMN *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*
Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness; search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Kendrick

Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16, Philippians 3:1-21

MESSAGE Light Sermon Series: Reflecting the Source

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC Morning Has Broken arr. Fred Bock
Sharon Watkins - Piano

OFFERING Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Mother's Day Offering Marion Watson-Wishart

SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist Rev. Jana Creighton

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: May the composer of all hope be with you!
People: And also with you!

Leader: Beloved, God has created us to live faithfully in these times.
People: We lift our hearts to the One who shapes us into communities of grace and peace.
Leader: Join in singing to God, who takes away all our fears.
People: We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope, no matter if it is the table in our kitchen or in this gathering space. Together let us join our hearts in prayer.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* Crosby/Knapp
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

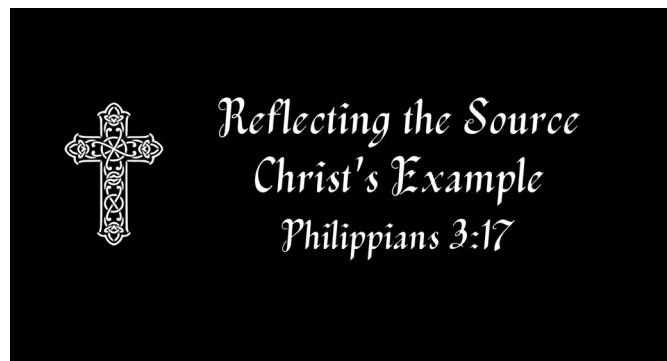
Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Send the Light* arr. Turner

*Please stand, if able.



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 2, 2021

11:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Due to Covid Protocols, hymn lyrics are printed for reflection or humming, but please refrain from singing.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE *O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight* Gilbert Martin

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

Leader: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls-
People: Come and worship!
Leader: Even if you're tired and worn out-
People: Come and worship!
Leader: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying-
People: Come and worship!
Leader: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you-
People: Come and worship!
Leader: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to shine in you-
People: Come and worship!
Leader: For Jesus is humble and gentle,
People: And he will give us everything we need to follow him. Let us worship and praise!

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Ballad

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Philippians 3) Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

One: God of all righteousness, we know how the apostle Paul counted himself as a righteous person when zealously carrying out the law as a Pharisee. He considered himself to be blameless, but counted all that as loss when he came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. From that time on, righteousness took on a new meaning. Paul knew that he no longer needed to perform exemplary deeds in order to earn your love. All he had to do was to accept your gracious and unconditional love. Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behavior is all that is needed to secure your love.

(silent reflection)
All: We know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that you have done for us.

One: Help us surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate lives centered in Christ.

(silent reflection)
One: Paul acknowledges a desire to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ so that he can die and rise also. He urges others to do likewise.

All: Forgive us, O God, when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians—that of following Jesus; even when that means, and perhaps, especially when that means taking up our cross, and sharing in the suffering and struggle that Jesus shares with us.

(silent reflection)
One: Merciful God, in the agony of the crucifixion, we see the lengths you prepared to go, to 'do great things for us'.
All: Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord. This we pray in his name. Amen

Sunday Worship

Counters: Mark Pilkington and Carol Griffith
Ushers: Ron Kesterson
Acolyte: None

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2021:

Richard Brinkley - Administration

Fred Holbrook - Administration*

Melanie Mixon - Good News*

John Whitfield - Missions

2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship*

Ed Keelen- Worship*

Mark Pilkington - Christian Education

Sharon Staton - Christian Education*

Jim Taylor - Missions*

Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship

Mark Dillard - Congregational Care*

Banks Robinson - Administration

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Trustees: Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard,
Jim Wilhide

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, May 2, 2021

9:00 am: Virtual Adult Sunday School

9:45 am: Fellowship SS Class-in-person

9:40 am: Virtual Youth Check-in

11:00 am: Worship Service

1:00 pm: Virtual Children's check-in and SS

2:30 pm: Children's JAMA Mother's Day Crafts

Monday, May 3, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

5:00 pm: worship practice

6:00 pm: Youth gathering

Friday, May 7, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person or zoom)

Let's Connect!!! Are you receiving all church communications? Feel like you're missing out on what's happening at SOPC? We have a brand new way to connect!!

Text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.

You'll get a text back with a link, click the link and you can update all your info and chose what groups you want to hear from. If you're already in the system and receiving emails, you can still text this number to confirm your info and your groups.

Need Help? If technology is overwhelming, no need to worry, just call or email the church office and LiAnne will get you set up with your communication preferences.

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Announcements

Nursery: A nursery is available for any who pre-registered in Building A for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see any of our volunteers with a ribbon or name badge in the Narthex.

Worship bags: Parents, you are invited to pick up worship bags for your children in the Narthex before the worship service, for ages 2-5, K-2nd and 3rd-5th grades.

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love.

Thinking about joining our SOPC family? Got questions? We invite you to speak with the pastor or any elder at any time, or contact the church office. You are not here by accident.

Flowers: The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were designed by Patty Mullins and donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers.

If you would be interested in donating a floral arrangement for Sunday morning, please contact the church office. See the Leaflet for more information

Hearing impaired equipment available: Please ask an usher for assistance.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on the 18th century hymn by Joseph Swain. The closing verse is "Dear Shepherd! I will follow Thy call. I know the sweet sound of Thy voice; restore and defend me, for Thou art my All, and in Thee I will ever rejoice." The postlude is based on Charles Gabriel's hymn calling us to "not grow weary in

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Ed Keelen
Al Charles Linda Floyd Joe Gause
Kirk Wirth Daniel and Elizabeth Turk
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

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

- **Sunday Registration:** Register each week by Thursday to attend the next Sunday: <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/49775>
- **Children:** Today, Zoom check-in and Sunday School at 1:00 pm. JAMA in the pavilion at 2:30 pm for Mother's Day Crafts.
- **Lantern's Men's Prayer Meeting:** Friday at 6:45 am in-person or on zoom
- **BBQ & Basketball Youth Fundraiser:** May 15, 2021. Tickets for BBQ on sale now!!! See a youth at the back of the sanctuary and sign up to purchase a BBQ Butt or call or email the church office by May 9, 2021. BBQ Butts are \$35 in advance. There is also a menu of delicious items to purchase at the event. Don't let your friends and family miss out, invite them too!!
- **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
- **Office Hours:** The office is open on Tuesdays (9:00-2:00) and Thursdays (9:00-4:30). All are encouraged to stop by to meet LiAnne Crosby, to pray or dream about the future of SOPC.
- **Elder Training:** All elders are invited to Elder Training and planning! Our work is slated for Wednesday nights beginning May 5th (see calendar in email), first and last are in person and zoom, all others are by zoom.
- **Volunteers needed:** Do you have gifts in technology or want to help behind the scenes in worship? Contact Mark Wishart or Pastor Jana to see how you can serve the Lord!
- *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!*

*A note about worship without your voice:
Your first reaction to the note at the beginning of this bulletin may have been a negative one. We come to church to worship and have an expectation to sing when we do. Psalm 100:1-2 says, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." So when we ask you not to sing, we know that your hearts may mourn. But the great thing about God, is that He understands, and the great thing about worship, is that it isn't just a song. We worship Him in spirit and in truth. In spirit, we worship when we submit to Him and love Him and give our lives to Him; and in truth, we worship knowing that the Word of God is true. In Luke 19:40, Jesus says, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." While we may worship now in quiet to protect everyone from the pandemic, the earth is not silent. We appreciate your understanding during this time of transition to in-person worship and hope you will reflect on the Words of the hymns, the wonder of God, and give Him the awe and reverence He deserves through a surrendered heart and a quiet spirit.