

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Diane Bish

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

Leader: For those who bring the words of scripture to us throughout this year

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who teach us the great truths of your Scripture

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who long to raise their voices in songs of praise,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who serve you in ministries of healing and prayer

People: We give you thanks, O Lord

Leader: For those who work with children and youth

People: We give you thanks, O Lord

Leader: For those who offer their time and loving presence to people who are lost, alone, feel shut-in or shut-out

People: We give you thanks, O Lord

Leader: For those who participate in ministries of justice and hope,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who offer prayer, seeking your healing love,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For all those who have witnessed to your love by the way in which they lead their lives, by their compassion to others, by their understanding

People: We give you thanks, O Lord. For all anywhere who love you and praise your holy name, who are willing to be the Resurrection Church who live in the light, we are grateful.

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

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Bateman/Evans

We invite you to sing on this hymn, please keep your mask in place

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE *The Power and the Glory* Lani Smith

*Please stand, if able.



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2021
11:00 am
Ascension Sunday

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Due to Covid Protocols, words to hymns are printed for reflection, but we ask that you not sing out loud.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Matt Limbaugh

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

One: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

All: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

One: We look upward but we are also called to look outward.

All: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

One: Let's get to work!

All: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Let us Worship the Lord.

*HYMN *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Wesley

**Words included for reflection. We ask that you refrain from singing, but you may hum.*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;

Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;

Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;

more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dan Loffredo

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we remain static in our response to you. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Dan Loffredo

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Elder Julie Bussells

HYMN *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* Kendrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Rev. Dan Loffredo
Luke 24:44-53

MESSAGE Light Sermon Series: The Light Above! Rev. Jana Creighton

Sunday Worship

Counters: Banks Robinson and Guy San Fratello
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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 16, 2021

9:30 Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom

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

9:40 am: Virtual Youth Check-in

11:00 am: Worship Service

1:30 pm: Children's JAM

Monday, May 17, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

6:30 pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

6:30 - Elder training via zoom

Thursday, May 20, 2021

5:00 pm: worship practice

6:00 pm: Youth gathering

Friday, May 21, 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 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.

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

Music Notes: The prelude is based on the hymn tune Ellacombe, which celebrates the power, wisdom and goodness of God. Diane Bish's arrangement of All Hail the Power is based on the hymn tune Diadem. This great hymn calls all in heaven and earth to give praise to our risen and reigning Lord. The postlude is an original composition that captures the power and glory revealed at Jesus' ascension.

COVID PROTOCLS

All Covid Task Team members are wearing ribbons. If you have any questions about safety please ask a Covid Task Team Member.

Please wear you mask at all times inside the church. Please make sure your mask covers your nose and your mouth.

There are hand sanitizer stands at the front door, sitting on tables, and in restrooms for your convenience. If anyone needs a mask please ask one of our Covid Task Team Members.

Please use bathrooms in the very front of the church, they will be cleaned after each use.

Singing is limited to the final hymn.

During the benediction an usher will let you out one row at a time. Please exit out the front doors of the church. For added convenience, the tithing boxes are located at the front entrance doors .

- **Thank you to everyone who helped out with BBQ and Basketball!!**
- **Children:** Today, JAM at 1:30 pm
- **Lantern's Men's Prayer Meeting:** Friday at 6:45 am in-person or on zoom
- **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
- **Picnic:** May 23, 2021 after worship service. Bring your own basket. See Leaflet for more information.
- **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!
- **VBS Volunteers Needed:** July 18, 2021—July 23, 2021, 5:30—7:45 pm, Volunteers are the heart and soul of Vacation Bible School. If you would like to be part of this wonderful adventure sharing the love of Jesus this coming July by volunteering, please call or text, Marion Watson-Wishart at 803.467.1730 or e-mail her at Dearborn2021@gmail.com.
- *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	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.