

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

READERS THEATRE

MESSAGE

*Resurrection*

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

TIME OF CELEBRATION

Share the joy of resurrection as we greet one another in joy and love.  
when indicated, we are invited to toss your butterflies in the air as a symbol of new life.

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.  
To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:  
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

OFFERTORY

*A Gaelic Easter Celebration*  
*Chancel Choir*

arr. Patti Drennan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Janna Simon

**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.**

\*SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
(all are invited to sing as the organ plays)

G. F. Handel

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

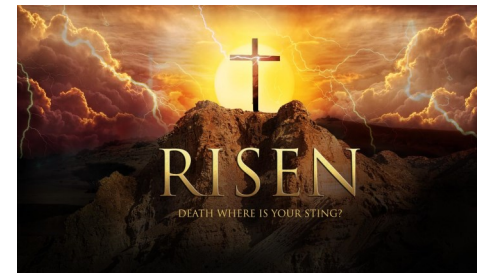
*Finale from Organ Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Easter

11:00 am

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

PRELUDE

*Fugue (from Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor)*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Welcome! Run with us toward the place of sorrow!

**All: Jesus is not there! Christ is risen!**

One: Shout the good news!

**All: Sing, praise God, for the promise has been fulfilled.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN # 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People", people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Judy Barnes

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." An Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents, please pick up your children after the service.

\*HYMN # 233

*The Day of Resurrection*

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is there in. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### **Sunday, April 9**

Counters: Carol Griffith, Sharon Staton  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Carol Griffith, Stephanie Sampson  
Acolyte: Weston Pilkington  
Children's Message: Judy Barnes  
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

### **Next Sunday, April 16**

Counters: Hal Bowman, Richard Brinkley  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Ben & Dallene Smith  
Acolyte: Abby Dempster  
Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
Children's Corner: Marion W. Wishart

### **STAFF**

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### **SESSION MEMBERS**

\* indicates chair  
**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson  
**Class of 2023:**  
Karan Bundrick - Worship  
Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*  
Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*  
Mark Wishart - Fellowship  
**Class of 2024:**  
Hal Bowman - Administration  
Richard Brinkley - Buildings & Grounds  
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*  
**Class of 2025:**  
Fred Holbrook - Administration\*  
Ed Keelen - Christian Education\*  
Sharon Staton - Missions\*  
Sharon Watkins - Worship\*  
**Oncoming/Returning Elders:** Banks Robinson,  
Liz Harris, Kathy Keane, John Carter  
**Trustees:** Jim Wilhite, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, **On coming Trustee:** Carol Griffith

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):**  
Mary Johnson

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### **This week at SOPC:**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**  
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes  
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes  
10:30 - Flowering of the Cross - front lawn  
11:0 am - Worship  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution  
5:30 pm Youth - No meeting tonight

**Monday, April 10, 2023**  
**Office is closed**  
6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting - Zoom  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
9:30 am - Staff meeting  
2:00 pm - Rachel Circle - Fellowship Classroom  
7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:30 - Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
6:30 pm - Hannah Circle - Youth Room

**Friday, April 14, 2023**  
6:45 am - Lanterns

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**  
10:00 am - PWP CT - Session Room  
American Federation of Human Rights - Bldg B  
12:00 pm - Mary Kay Training - Youth Room

**Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.**  
*If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have it to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

### **LIKE US ON...**



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### **Welcome!**

**Masked and Socially distanced seating:** There are two pews marked as reserved in the sanctuary to the far right front close to the side exit for those preferring masking and social distancing. If you need assistance please ask an usher. Masks are available in narthex/lobby.

**Hearing impaired equipment** available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School and Worship for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see an usher for help.

**Worship bags:** Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 3 - 5th grades. (sanctuary near the restrooms).

**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.

**Flowers:** Members have donated Easter Lilies to the Glory of God and in honor, memory or appreciation of friends and loved ones. Please see the insert.

**Music Notes:** Easter morning moves us out of the tragedy and darkness of Jesus' crucifixion into the dawning of hope and the promise of life that is new and eternal. *Fugue in C minor* is a musical expression of that transition from death into life. Its recurring theme proclaims that Jesus is alive and He lives today with us, in us and through us!

**Butterflies are a powerful metaphor** of the resurrection. Jesus Christ was buried in a dark tomb for three days, and then emerged, still himself but changed and glorified. Caterpillars "bury" themselves within a chrysalis, emerging as transformed butterflies. As Christians, we believe that we too are transformed through the grace of God. Transformation occurs as we follow Jesus' teachings, living into the kingdom of God.



**April**  
Word of the Month  
**Triune God**

### **In our continued prayers...**

John Anderson Al Charles  
Joe Gause Nealy Jordan  
Jim Mullins Ron Kesterson  
Monroe Swearingen  
Kirk Wirth Tara and John Whitfield  
Our Ukraine Family  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz  
**Long Term Care** - Dave, Rich & Sam Allen,  
Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Patricia Williams.  
**If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.**

### **Announcements**

**Love Revolution:** Bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:30 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

**Youth** will not meet tonight, enjoy Easter with your family!!!

**ReShape** - The Adapting Group met Tuesday. The Action item sheets for this month are still coming in, so we were able to discuss some of our larger strategic issues like what do we mean by "diversity of music" and how do we live with our music copyright restrictions. Please respect that we will not be revealing to you all of the alternatives we are exploring, since many of them will not come to fruition and we don't want anyone to get "worked up" unnecessarily. Instead, pray for us as we discern what is right for our church.

**Although** Koinonia has ended, the Wednesday night Bible Study will continue for the next TWO weeks. Meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm, for dinner and the study.

**Care Givers Group** will meet in the Fellowship Classroom starting Monday, April 24 @ 2:00 pm.. All are welcome to attend.

**Cuban Women's Project** join us on Saturday, April 29, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.

**Family Promise** is hosted by SOPC starting today, Easter Sunday, April 9. Donations to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas are being accepted via the offering, church office, or online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise".

**SOPC Women** and friends will join together to tour Columbia Historical Homes on Saturday, April 22. Cost \$45 which includes lunch. Brochures are in the narthex. Please contact Dallene Smith for more information.

**Ladies Luncheon** will meet Monday, April 17 @ 12 noon at The Olive Garden. Please let Jeanne LeBeouf, [jleboeuf@sc.rr.com](mailto:jleboeuf@sc.rr.com), know you will be attending, as Margaret is out of town.

**Lifeline Screening** will be at SOPC on Friday, June 2, 2023 to do health screenings for anyone in the community, who are 50+. Register @ [lisa.social/hc](https://lisa.social/hc) or call 1 800 640 6307.

**VBS** will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Mary Dempster or Marion Wishart. Registration forms will be available soon.

**One Great Hour**, Sunday, April 9, please place your donation in the offering boxes by the front door of the sanctuary.