

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 7:37-39, 20:19-23

MESSAGE

Breathe It In

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

***HYMN # 291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land, When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

Please see on back of insert in your bulletin.

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OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jana Creighton

***HYMN # 295**

Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson/arr. Larry Shackley

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 28, 2023

11:00 am

Pentecost Sunday

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



STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ReShape

Elder Ed Keelen

PRELUDE

Dove of Peace

Harry Strack

***GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS**

One: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

All: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

One: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

All: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

One: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

All: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Elder Janna Simon

***HYMN # 289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

Verses 1–3

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Elder Janna Simon

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins that cause division and hurt. Remind us that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. AMEN.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sue Kesterson

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Dannah Lane

Finn Creighton

Jacob Schwartz

HYMN # 288

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, May 28

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Ben and Dallene Smith
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

Sunday, June 4

Communion Setup: Dallene Smith
Communion Servers: Fred Holbrook, Mark Dillard
Counters: Sharon Staton, Hal Bowman
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Janice Reiser, Jeanne LeBoeuf
Children's Message: Pastor Jana Creighton
Children's Corner:

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 am - Children/Youth SS Classes
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Covenant Ringers
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, May 29, 2023

Happy Memorial Day
Church Office Closed
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

10:00 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Missions Ministry
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
7:30 pm - NANA
Thursday, June 1, 2023
5:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry Meeting
6:30 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, June 2, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns
8:30 am - LifeLine Screening

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!

NOTE: This is the last Sunday for children/youth Sunday classes until fall.

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Treasurer: Hal Bowman

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Mary Johnson

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: The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers. Thank you Patty Mullins. If you would like to place fresh flowers in the sanctuary, please call the church office for details.

Music Notes: The congregational hymns, choral and keyboard music in worship today cover the last 50 years of worship styles. They all celebrate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and affirm the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that there are certain Sundays when we honor our nation by placing the flag in the sanctuary? Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Fourth of July are all days when we acknowledge that our Christian freedoms come from the freedom of our nation. On other Sundays the flag of the USA remains in the narthex so we may focus on the worship of God Alone in our midst.

Today's Affirmation of faith comes from the Brief Statement of Faith in our Book of Confessions. Written in 1983, this marked the reunification of the PCUSA and PCUS Churches. It focuses on diversity and our common identity as followers of Christ, critical to reunion.

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
Joe Gause Ira Leon
Jim Mullins Kirk Wirth
Tara and John Whitfield
Our Ukraine Family
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Carmen-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: SOPC hosts today, May 28, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

ReShape - The ReShape Action items keep flowing in. Recognize that some are longer term items for which you won't see immediate results. There were four actions that were hard to define: "Expand/ improve in person worship, Intergenerational Programming, Expand Children's Ministry and Team Building Training". We now have more specific definitions for each of these items and ministries assigned to "Next Steps".

VBS for children will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. Use the QR Code or register online @ <https://forms.gle/NDw3atws682gzLP59>. Questions, contact either Mary Dempster or Janice Holbrook.



Blessing Box: If you would like to help with the Blessing Box for the community, we are in need of ramen noodles, granola bars, and pop top items, i.e. soup, pasta. Thank you for helping the SOPC community area.

Lifeline Screening will be at SOPC this coming Friday, June 2, 2023, to do health screenings for anyone in the community, who are 50+. Register on the website, lsa.social/hc, or call 1 800 640 6307.

Elder Installation: Please join us after worship in the pavilion for lunch and fellowship on July 16, to celebrate our new elders and trustee.

Youth Group held their last meeting this past Sunday. We will start back up in the fall. Have a great summer!!

Pastor Jana will be on vacation from June 12 to July 4. Certified Ruling Elder, Andrea Paschal, will be serving as head of staff during her time away. Below is her information if you need to get in touch with her.

CRE Andrea Paschal
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andrea@westminsterpres.org

Training session for all VBS volunteers will be June 4 and June 11 immediately following worship in the Fellowship classroom.



May
Word of the Month
Pentecost