

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32, 38-42

MESSAGE

*A Vibrant Church: Proclaims Jesus*

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen

**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together. The Christian church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.**

**As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.**

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OFFERTORY

*Children of the Heavenly Father  
Chancel Choir*

arr. Jeremy S. Bakken

\*HYMN # 606

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

\*HYMN # 625

*How Great Thou Art*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great though art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: Refrain**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: Refrain.**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou Art!" Refrain.**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

*The Lord Reigneth*

Lani Smith

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
June 11, 2023  
11:00 am  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
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

Migrant Ministry

Robert Miller

PRELUDE

*The Gift to Be Simple*

Dale Wood

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: God invites us to wake from our slumbers.

**All: There is much to be done for God today.**

One: God encourages us to proclaim God's goodness and love.

**All: There are so many people who are lost and hurt, who need the good news of God.**

One: God inspires us to be bold in our proclamation, unafraid, confident.

**All: Lord God, be with us as we step boldly out to share your Good News. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 693

*Though I May Speak*

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BLESSING OF THE CAMPERS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Dempster

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 # 313

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

verse 2

**Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again. Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Starting June 12th to July 4th, Pastor Jana will be on vacation. Serving as head of staff during this time will be Certified Ruling Elder, Andrea Paschal. Below is Andrea's information if you need to reach her during that time.**

CRE Andrea Paschal

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### Sunday, June 11

Counters: Fred Holbrook, Sharon Watkins  
Usher: Fred Holbrook  
Greeters: Carol Griffith, Stephanie Sampson  
Acolyte: Abby Dempster  
Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

### Next Sunday, June 18

Counters: Elizabeth and Jim Taylor  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Robert and Kitsie Miller  
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick  
Children's Message: Julie Bussells  
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

### STAFF

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### SESSION MEMBERS

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**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\*

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Sharon Staton - Missions\*

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**Oncoming/Returning Elders:** Banks Robinson, Liz Harris, Kathy Keane, John Carter

**Trustees:** Jim Wilhide, 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, June 11, 2023**

9:45 am - Fellowship Class  
9:45 am - Children/Youth - No classes until fall  
11:00 am - Worship  
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

**Monday, June 12, 2023**

7:00 pm - NANA

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

7:00 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:00 pm - NANA

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

6:45 am - Lanterns

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

10:00 am - American Federation of Human Rights  
10:00 am - Decorating for VBS  
12:00 pm - Cuban Feminine Project

**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!*



June  
Word of the  
Month  
GENERATIONS

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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 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 prelude is based on the popular Shaker tune, which is often sung to the Lord of the Dance hymn. The choir's anthem draws on the text from a prolific Swedish hymn writer. The text reminds us of God's ever faithful and compassionate care for all God's children.

**As you know** we are printing the hymns in the bulletin, this is for the members and friends who view our Worship Service on line. You may use the hymnals in the pews, if you prefer.

**Employee of the Month** for June is Dr. Lloyd Pilkington. Did you know Lloyd has been with SOPC for 23 years?!!!!

Thank you, Lloyd!!!! See the June 8 newsletter for the rest of the story.

### 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)

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, June 11, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

**ReShape** Adapting Group had its monthly meeting on Wednesday June 6. We laid out and prioritized plans for several proposed Community Events which will be held at our campus. We continued our discussion of our benchmarking activities of other churches, some of which have some interesting approaches that may be of benefit to us.

**VBS training** will be following worship today, Sunday, June 11. You are invited to help decorate the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 17, starting at 10:00 am. If you only have an hour to spare, that's fine. We should be done by midafternoon. **VBS** will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22.

Use the QR Code or register online @ <https://forms.gle/NDw3atws682gzLP59>.

Our **Mission** project for VBS is to fill blessing boxes around the neighborhood. We invite the congregation to be a blessing to others by contributing small items for our brown lunch bags. Thank you. Questions, contact either Mary Dempster or Janice Holbrook.



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

**Postcards for campers** - there are postcards in the narthex and church office for you to let our children/youth at Camp Fellowship know you are thinking about them. If you return them to the church by Sunday, June 25, Andrea Paschal will hand deliver them on Monday, June 26 or you can mail to the camp that week.

**The Fellowship** Sunday School Class will meet during the summer months. We are currently studying They Walked With God by Max Lucado. The Class starts at 10:00 a.m. with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome, Come join us and Walk With God!!

**Migrant Ministry - Mission Ministry** will be cooking & feeding the migrant workers on Tuesday, July 11. If you would like to help out or has questions please contact Sharon Staton. Special offering will be collected June 18.

**Book of Confessions** - We have been taking a tour through the book of confessions for a while now. This week we are focusing on the Barmen confession. Written in 1934, The Confession of Barmen was written as a stand against the German Regime that was unilaterally taking over all political and personal rights. Patriotic sentiments quickly had become 'truth'. This confession was the appeal to Evangelical churches of Germany to stand firm against the German Christian accommodation to National Socialism. Its premise is that we, God's people, stand and follow only God who is the only Word and direction in our lives.