

*HYMN # 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* Verse 3
Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION CRE Andrea Paschal

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18: 1-5, Proverbs 22:6, Matthew 19:14 Abby Dempster
Ephesians 6:1-3 Elder Janna Simon
Proverbs 1:8-9 Elder Fred Holbrook

MESSAGE *Whom do You See?* CRE Andrea Paschal

Belonging to God Catechism Questions
Q1: Who are You? **Answer: I am a child of God.**
Q2: What does it mean to be a child of God? **Answer: That I belong to God, who loves me.**

***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

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.
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OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* arr. Lani Smith

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 # 451 *Open My Eyes*
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CRE Andrea Paschal

POSTLUDE *Festive March* David Lasky

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Meditation on "O Store Gud"* CRE Andrea Paschal
Douglas Wagner

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS
One: Come, sing praises to God!
Choir: Singing verse 1 of "Christ Has Arisen"
All: Rejoice in his presence! For he is our God:
One: A Father to the fatherless,
All: And the defender of all who need protection;
One: The One in whom the lonely find a home,
All: And the prisoner finds release.
One: Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation,
All: Who sustains and strengthens us, day after day! Let's worship God together!

*HYMN # 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

*HYMN # 729 *Lord I want to be a Christian*
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Refrain: In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be more loving in my heart. Refrain.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Refrain.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. Refrain.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear Lord, You are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children—the heirs of Your Kingdom—and we give You our thanks and praise. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. Guide us as your children that we may lead others to your Holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BLESSING CRE Andrea Paschal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE CRE Andrea Paschal

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, June 18

Counters: Hal Bowman, Richard Brinkley
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeter: Robert and Kitsie Miller
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
Children's Message: Andrea Paschal
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Next Sunday, June 25

Counters: Sharon Staton, John Carter
Usher: Ron Kesterson
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Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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Mary Johnson

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

*Please note new office hours:

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:45 am - Adult Sunday School Class

9:45 am - Children/Youth - No summer classes

11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - VBS Blessing

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, June 19, 2023

12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon - California Dreaming

5:15 - Vacation Bible School - VBS

7:30 pm - NANA

8:00-9:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

5:15 pm - VBS

7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, June 21 2023

5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion

5:15 pm - VBS

7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, June 22, 2023

5:15 pm - VBS

Friday, June 23, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns

7:30 pm-10 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

Saturday, June 24, 2023

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!

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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 flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Rev. Barry Shatzer, in loving memory of his son Jay.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on the great hymn of praise, How Great Thou Art.

As you know we have been printing the hymns in the bulletin for those who view our worship service online. Starting next Sunday, June 25, we will no longer be inputting the hymns in the bulletins. No worries though, the hymns will be added to our website with the bulletin for each week and in the weekly Flocknotes for our online members and friends.

Father's Day Offerings - blank envelopes are available in the narthex for the offering to help the migrant workers.



June
Word of the
Month
GENERATIONS

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, Bobby Sellars

(Father of John Paul Sellars) 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 18, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

ReShape - As part of its review of music copyright law as pertains to churches, the Adapting Group oversaw the purchase of a Christian Copyright Solutions (CCS) PERFORM Music Facilities license for \$270. This will enable us to play recorded music in non-service, non-streamed situations. We are still not satisfied with our worship music approval process and licenses, but for the meantime, we can play the music we want, sometimes at a high expenditure of time and effort on our part to get the necessary approvals.

VBS is tomorrow, 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.

The June Ladies Luncheon will be held this Monday June 19th, noon, at California Dreaming, 401 Main St., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at mroyals052@gmail.com, or text 803-608-1434, or 803-957-0430.

Empowering the Generations Sermon Series begins June 18. The series has a two fold purpose to cover the 'how' we empower each generation in our worshipping midst and how God calls us within scripture to walk with each generation. Come be a part of strengthening our church body in Christ!

Pastor Jana will be on vacation until July 4th. 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 this time.

CRE Andrea Paschal

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Rev. Bruce Hurley will be helping with various Sunday worship services. His first Sunday will be June 25. Bruce graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary, 1981, was ordained in the Presbytery of Denver 1981, served churches in Lakin, KS, Hutchinson KS, Artesia, NM, Wichita KS and Monticello IN. He retired in 2008.

The Roads to Faith Sunday School Class will be meeting with the Fellowship Class this summer, beginning on June 18th.