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OFFERTORY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Phillip Keveren

#### **COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Rev. Bruce Hurley

\*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements.

Please see Communion Directions in the Welcome section of the bulletin.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

One: Let us pray to the Lord.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

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.

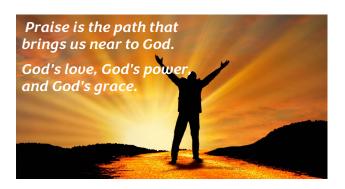
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*HYMN # 825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Robert Nethaniel Dett

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary" John M. Moore



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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rummage Sale and Clothing Closet Loretta Demko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE "What a Friend We have in Jesus" Melody Bober

HYMN # 41 "O Worship the King"

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton, Rev. Bruce Hurley

One: Praise the Lord, let the earth Hear God's Voice!

All: Turn to your neighbor and praise the Lord by greeting them 'The Lord be with you, and also with you'

One: Praise the Lord, let the earth Hear God's Voice!

All: Turn to a different neighbor and praise the Lord by embracing them: a hug, a handshake, a fist bump

One: Praise the Lord, let the earth Hear God's Voice!

All: Turn to a different neighbor and Praise the Lord by telling them: I am so glad you are here today.

One: Let us all praise the Lord!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Excerpt from Psalm 51

Rev. Bruce Hurley

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a God of abundance! Where we have been wounded, God holds and heals us as a loving parent. Where we have sinned, God grants forgiveness through Christ Jesus. Where we are called to give more than we think we have, God empowers and sustains us through the Holy Spirit. May the abundant healing, grace, and power of God be alive in you, now and forevermore. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG

"Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Foale

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34 2 Samuel 23, 1-7 Luke 1:31-33 Rev. Bruce Hurley Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ava Maria" Annie Moffatt

MESSAGE A Broken Hallelujah

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

#### Sunday, September 3

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Hal Bowman

Usher: Mary Johnson

Greeters: Betty & Tom Shuler Acolyte: No Acolyte-Communion Children's Message: Jenny Fogle Children's Corner: Mary Demoster

Communion Setup: Kathy Morganelli, Eleanor Evans

Communion Servers: Jim Taylor, Mark Dillard

## Sunday, September 10 - RALLY DAY!

Counters: Liz & Jim Taylor Usher: Ron Kesterson

Greeters: Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson

Acolyte: Abby Dempster

Children's Message: Mary Dempster Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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## **SESSION MEMBERS**

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Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*

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Fred Holbrook - Administration\* Ed Keelen - Reshape Adapting Group\*

Sharon Staton - Missions\* Sharon Watkins - Worship\*

Class of 2026

Liz Harris - Fellowship Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\* Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

Trustees: Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard,

Carol Griffith

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):

Mary Johnson

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

# This week at SOPC: Sunday, September 3

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes 11:00 am - Worship-Communion 1:30-4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Ashland UMC

# Monday, September 4

HAPPY LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Admin Ministry

7:30 pm - NANA 8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -Crossroads Classroom

## Tuesday, September 5

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - Reshape Adapting Ministry 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, September 6

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School 5:30 pm - Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom) 5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion 7:30 pm - NAÑA

#### Thursday, September 7

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School 5:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry Meeting

## Friday, September 8

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group 8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School 7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

#### Saturday, September 9

9:30 am - 11 am - Cuban Feminine Project 10:00 am - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Sanctuary

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## **WELCOME**

Thank you to Dallene Smith for sharing her musical talents and playing the piano this morning for our worship service. Also, Annie Moffatt for her beautiful solo.

Hearing impaired equipment is available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during worship for ages 0 - 4.

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/lobby. Please take a goody bag as a remembrance of God's love. Also, please fill out the yellow card with your contact information. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

New Sermon Series Starting in September - A Broken Hallelujah: The Life and Testimony of King David. Through this sermon series we will learn from, apply and grow from the life and experiences of King David. Far from perfect, yet faithful follower, King David sets the stage through his mishaps and successes to help show us the way to a life with God. Join us through November on a journey of a Broken Hallelujah!

**Communion Directions:** As you approach the Communion Elements at the front of the church, pre-packaged wafer/juice (gluten-free) will be on your left. Regular bread and juice cups will be on your right. If you want to use hand sanitizer, please help yourself from the containers on the front pews. An important note: Our new prepackaged cups have the wafer and the juice at opposite ends. Please be sure to open the wafer end first.

Church Flowers: If you would like to order fresh flowers for the sanctuary please call the Church Office.

## In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles Joe Gause Myrna Gause Janet Jordan Ira Leon Jim Mullins Janice Reiser Guy San Fratello Barry Shatzer Kirk Wirth Bryan Simon

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), and Patricia Williams.

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Love Revolution: Ashland UMC hosts today, September 3, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. Please join us in this much needed mission.

MORE Justice is beginning the Listening Process. This focuses on stories shared in House Meetings. SOPC is taking a different approach this year. We will have one big House Meeting at the church on Tuesday, October 3rd at **6:30 pm.** If you are a committed member, please mark your calendars and invite your friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join you. Looking forward to a great meeting and seeing all of you together!

We will be having a Hymn Sing on Sunday, September **24**. Please submit your favorite hymns at sopc@sopc.net.

During the months of September and October, even though our worship service music will be a little different, we still need a strong choir to lead the congregation in hymns and responses. Anyone who wants to share their voice in joyful song should come to the Choir Room at 10:45 am each Sunday.

Men's Praver Event - Men don't forget our praver event coming up! Becoming Kings: Feast and Film on Saturday, September 30, 6:30-9:30 pm.

We have started to prepare for our Fall Festival! This year it will be on October 21, 10 am - 2 pm. There will be a bazaar with vendors, rummage sale, food, and fun activities for the kids! If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Tracey Wilkes @ traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com for more information.

Lifeline Screening will be here again on Friday, October 27. To register call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, September 10 - Rally Day

Sunday, September 17 - Youth at Presbyterian Communities

Saturday. September 23, 1-5 pm - Youth Boat Trip -Irmo Side of Dam

Sunday, September 24 - Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 24, 5:30 pm - Youth Night Joint Kick

Saturday, September 30, 6:30-9:30 pm - Men's Prayer Event

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 pm - First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-7:30 pm - MORE Justice House

Saturday, October 21, 10-2 pm - Fall Festival Sunday, October 22, 1-4 pm - Fall Festival Rain Date for Kids Activities ONLY

Friday, October 27 - Lifeline Screening

**SEPTEMBER Word of the Month:** Music (Hymns)