

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: David's Broken Hallelujah:
Celebrating God's Presence

*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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*HYMN # 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

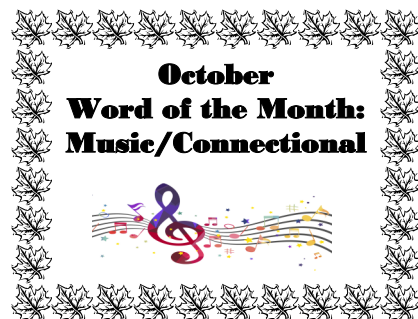
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Hatton/Tornquist



Masked and Socially Distanced Seating: To help decrease the spread of Covid at Seven Oaks, please consider wearing a mask during worship. Also, 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 the narthex/lobby.

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October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Family Promise

Ben Smith

PRELUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

Knapp/Bober

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton and Rev. Bruce Hurley

One: We come here shouting, our voices lifted in praise.

All: We come here singing, our songs full of joy.

One: We come here dancing, our hearts rejoicing.

All: To the Holy One who is worthy, all praise and glory forevermore!

*HYMN # 41

"O Worship The King, All Glorious Above"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Throughout our faith history, your Son offered words of healing and hope to people who dwelled in darkness. In the brilliant light of his love, people grew and flourished. But now, Lord, we find that this world dominates our lives. Forgive us when we grow impatient with you and with the course of things in our lives. Heal us and put us back on pathways of peace and service. Enable us to speak your words of hope in this darkened world. *Time of silent confession.* AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bruce Hurley

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 # 175

"Seek Ye First"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, October 8

Counters: Kathy Keane, Ron Kesterson
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Brenda Turner, Jeanne LeBouef
Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
Children's Message: Rev. Bruce Hurley
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

Sunday, October 15

Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Carol Griffith, Stephanie Sampson
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
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Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

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Mary Johnson

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, October 8

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 am - Worship

1:30 - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - SOPC Ladies Drop-in

3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion

5:15 pm - Youth meets at Church-Dance Lessons

6:00 pm - Youth Group meets at Westminster

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting

7:00 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut

7:30 pm - NANA

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

Fellowship Classroom

Tuesday, October 10

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

2:00 pm - Rachel Circle - Fellowship Classroom

7:00 pm - Yoga

7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, October 11

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion

7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 12

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

6:30 pm - Hannah Circle -Kathy Keane's home

Friday, October 13

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

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

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

Saturday, October 14

10 am - 1:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l (Sanctuary)

9 pm - 5 pm Mary Kay - Youth Room

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letters SOPC to the number 84576.**

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WELCOME

Thank you so much to Sharon Watkins for playing the piano this morning and blessing our worship with her musical talent.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School 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 4 years old- 5th grade. (*Sanctuary near the restrooms*)

Guests are invited to stop by the guest table in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Do you have a musical talent that you would like to share with the church? Please sign up on the following link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ao9x5dstP1emW7YrhyVkpafFH7hbrFD25-vNNwMjXIU/edit>. For more information or help, you can contact **Sharon Watkins @ 803-622-0743 or call Denise in the Church Office at 803-772-1761.**

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Jana to learn more about becoming a member.

Rice of Life - If you participated in World Communion Sunday you likely saw the Communion Table setup with all of its beautiful colors. This particular Sunday of every year we intentionally join our brothers and sisters in Christ in sharing the feast of nourishment and strength, Communing around the table. The following countries were represented on the table: Cuba, Pakistan and Guatemala with our missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk, representing Madagascar in our midst. From their visit, we were provided a Communion cloth that reads 'The Rice of Life' in Malagasy. This represents their culture where rice is the central component of their diet, instead of bread. Please be on the lookout for our new addition to the Lord's Table when it is utilized. Thank you, Elizabeth and Dan!

In our continued prayers...

Al Charles

Joe Gause

Myrna Gause

Janet Jordan

Ira Leon

Annie Moffatt

Jim Mullins

Margaret Royals

Barry Shatzer

Nancy Taber

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), and Patricia Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**. We can always use more servers! Please help us with this mission!

YOUTH DON'T MISS TONIGHT! We will gather at **SOPC** for dance lessons with **Barbara Deimber** at **5:15 pm**. Then off to **Westminster** for a painting night from **6 pm to 7:30 pm**.

ReShape - As you know, we selected 28 action items of the 500 or so received from the small groups for priority treatment. We have made significant progress on these items and have fully completed 20 of the 28. The other eight have all been addressed by the ministries, but need more congregational awareness and participation before being considered complete. We are now looking into where we go next--more Action Items from the Ministry Guide, or new leadership items from the Session?

Cuban Feminine Project - Please join us from **9:30 am to 11 am** on Saturdays to help with this much-needed project. We will be taking these items with us when we go to Cuba in December and the more help the better! Please contact **Kitsie** or **Robert Miller** for more information @ **803-807-7380 (Robert)** or **803-463-6958 (Kitsie)**.

The Ladies of SOPC, whether you are a member or a visitor, are invited to come to the Fall Ladies' Drop-In today **Sunday, October 8, 2 pm - 4 pm**. Hostess - **Julie Bussells, 19 Sunrise Point, Irmo 29063**.

Hannah Circle will meet this coming Thursday, October 12th, at **6:30 pm** in the evening at **Kathy Keane's home, 104 Birdsong Rd., Chapin 29036**. Phone: **803 476-4224**. Come for a Bible lesson and dinner. All women are welcome. Hope to see you there!

THE FALL FESTIVAL is quickly approaching on October 21, 10 am - 2 pm. Please contact the following people for more information: Vendors - **Tracey Wilkes @ traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com**. Children's events - **Kathy Keane @ (803)467-4224**, & Rummage Sale **Loretta Demko @ (803)509-3322**. We also need donations for the kids such as prizes, candy, and monetary donations. Please contact **Kathy Keane** for more information at **803-467-4224**. Thank you!

Family Promise of the Midlands partners with congregations and others to provide shelter and solutions for families with children facing a housing crisis. Our week is coming up on **October 15**. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas. You can give via the offering, church office, and online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise."

Please note that we will have extra people on campus next week. They are with **Kairos Prison Ministry**. Through their ministry they have found that hearts are changed, prisons are less violent, recidivism rates are reduced, and communities are safer. Please visit their website at www.kairosministry.org.

Giving Statements - Giving Statements for the congregation were sent out by email on Wednesday afternoon, **October 4**. If you have any questions, please contact **Sharon Staton**. Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 21, 10 - 2 pm - Fall Festival

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

Sunday, October 22, 5:30 - 7 pm - Youth Group - "Deceased" Farms

Friday, October 27 - Lifeline Screening to register call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Sunday, October 29 - Youth Group - Westminster Fall Festival
November 5, 12 pm - First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon