



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, April 10, 2016
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *By All Your Saints Still Striving* Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 30

Laura: "I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."

People: "Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name, for God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

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People: "You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, so that we may praise you and not be silent."

All: "O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #662** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Forgive us, O God, when wandering from your path is too comfortable. Forgive us when we cannot believe the Good News of Easter. Forgive us when it is so hard to live lives that reflect your love and your peace. When fear and doubt drive us, when your Good News isn't strong in our hearts and minds, break through the barriers we put up. Help us be Easter

people, rejoicing each day in your presence and your promises." (Silent Prayer) "We pray in the name of our Risen Lord, Amen!"

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura: "Friends, remember that the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will God be angry forever."

People: "God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who respect God. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us."

All: "We will not fear, for God has redeemed us; God called us by name, we are God's forgiven people. Amen!"

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Doane

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 30

EPISTLE READING Acts 9:1 - 20

GOSPEL READING John 21:1 - 19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Dave King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith* see insert

*HYMN #720

Jesus Call Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ach bleib bei uns, Heir Jesu Christ
(Ah, Stay with Us, Lord Jesus) Bach

*DOXOLOGY ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") Hymnal #607

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use the wording “debts and debtors.”)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #761 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** Oh, How I Love Jesus Tornquist

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.

Ushers: The Neal Family Lay Reader: Laura Cosner

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together to celebrate God’s love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others. This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Announcements

The Evening Circle Will Meet tomorrow, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Session Will Hold A Planning Meeting this Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. Marty will prepare a light meal for us that evening. If time allows, we will also hold our monthly business meeting.

The Men of the Church Will Meet for breakfast and their regular meeting Saturday, April 16, at 8 a.m. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held Sunday, April 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session May Meet Sunday, April 17, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room, if there are agenda items we couldn't get to on Thursday evening.

The Deadline for the May Issue of Central Scene is Monday, April 18. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from A Brief Statement of Faith

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

When the two largest Presbyterian bodies in the country planned to merge in 1983, they decided to create a new statement of the faith they shared that could be used in worship. "It does not pretend to be a complete list of our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail." It is intended to show that despite our diversity there is much about our faith which holds us together.

Lectionary for Sunday, April 10 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and

you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter

went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea;
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee.

Once earthly joy i craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2016

MEMBERS:

Bernice Lackey
Emil Brown
Bill VonTungeln
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Miriam Jennings, mother of a co-worker of Zac Cosner
Jo Brown, dear friend of Karen & David Perdue
Al White, III, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's band director
Daniel Conner, customer of Laura Cosner
Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss
Barbara Byrne, customer of Laura Cosner
Carla & Brad Young, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley
Don Neal, great-uncle of Benjimen Neal
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan
Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick
Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
Jay Johnson, friend of Amanda Chandler
Jerry Conley, friend of the Shell family

Dorothy Soto, friend of Lynda Vick
Kevin Rushing, friend of Laura Pierce
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Georgiana Burnside, daughter of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Jennifer Place, friend of Laura & Zac Cosner
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln's friend
Rev. Jim Miller, friend of the church
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David Judkins
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Annette Knuckles, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln's co-worker
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Dan Loomis, former pastor
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Good Shepherd, Greenwood

Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let Erin know.