



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, June 12, 2016

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 5

Karen: "Give ear to our words, O LORD; give heed to our sighing. Listen to the sound of our cry, our King and our God, for to you we pray."

People: "O LORD, in the morning you hear our voices; in the morning we plead our case to you, and watch. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you."

Karen: "The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful."

People: "But we will enter your house through the abundance of your steadfast love. We will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you."

All: "Lead us, O LORD; make your way straight before us."

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"We confess that our prayers often fall short of what they should be. We admit that our lives often fall short of what they could be. Yet You call us to repentance and in You we find the abundance of life. Forgive us, Lord, for our failures and our lack of trust. Grant us the precious gift of Your loving grace. (Silent Prayer) In the Name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen."

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen: "God Almighty will have mercy on us, pardon us, and deliver us from all our sins, and give us eternal life with Him. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace."

All: "Thanks be to God! Amen!"

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Come Sunday
Soloist, Laura Cosner

Ellington

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 1 Kings 21:1 - 10, 15 - 21a

GOSPEL READING Luke 7:36 - 8:3

EPISTLE READING Galatians 2:15 - 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from "The Confession of 1967"*

see insert

***HYMN #440** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Heut' triumphlieret Gottes Sohn
(Today God's Son Triumphs)

Bach

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Lectionary for Sunday, June 12 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a

1 Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. 2 And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance." 4 Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

5 His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it'; but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7 His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. 9 She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; 10 seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death."

15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." 16 As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: 18 Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. 19 You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?" You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood."

20 Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, 21 I will bring disaster on you."

Galatians 2:15-21

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. 17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Luke 7:36-8:3

7:36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." 41 "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48 Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

8:1 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, 2 as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his hame.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
(Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
(Refrain)

Come Sunday

Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the day.

Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of Love,
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky,
I don't mind the gray skies, cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,
And have a brighter by and by.

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2016

MEMBERS:

The family of Louise Calloway
Austin Graves
The Howsen Family
Bernice Lackey
Emil Brown
Bill VonTungeln
Mary Wooten

Valerie Reichen
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
The family of Ken Hensley, former member
Ashley Raff, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Noie Roberson, sister of Frank Merritt
Quinn Wormer, grandnephew of Connie Detmers
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Gerry Eilbott Soltz, friend of Lawrence Fikes
Blake & Jordan Sorey & Baby Broox Sorey,
friends of the Cosner family
Rebecca and Earl Phillips, friends of Karen and
David Perdue
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's
band director
Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss
Carla & Brad Young, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson
Buchanan
Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and
Lynda Vick

Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
Jay Johnson, friend of Amanda Chandler
Dorothy Soto, friend of Lynda Vick
Kevin Rushing, friend of Laura Pierce
Georgiana Burnside, daughter of Amanda
Chandler's co-worker
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln's friend
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David
Judkins
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
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:

Pulaski Heights, Little Rock

Harmony Church, Clarksville

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.

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 #835** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Sweet By and By* Webster

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 Howsen Family

Lay Reader: Karen Perdue

Announcements

Our Friends from First Presbyterian Will Join us next Sunday, June 19, while Pastor Susie is away attending the PC (USA) General Assembly meeting in Portland, OR.

VBS Planning Update: We are happy to announce that we have all of our teacher & crew station leaders! However, there are still a few items that we need. Please let us know if you have any of the following items that we might borrow: Flashlights, Helmets, Backpacks.

Please let Laura Cosner or Denise Mosley know if you can help us out with any of these items.

Thank so much for all of your support!! Keep us in your thoughts and prayers that we will have another successful VBS program this year! We are really looking forward to it, and we hope all of you are, too! See you there!!

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Transitional Pastor

David S. King

Secretary

Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist

Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant

Youth Advisory Team

Marty Shell

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The Session

Class of 2016

Nelson Buchanan

Tommy Dunlap

Jemmie Moseley

Benjimen Neal

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (clerk)

Marty Shell

Standing Committee Moderators

Betty Coles

Budget & Finance

Nelson Buchanan

Building & Grounds

Denise Mosley

Education

Laura Cosner

Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Jemmie Moseley

& Marty Shell

Worship & Music

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kay Cromwell

Lawrence Fikes

Mike Kelley

Denise Mosley

Marty Shell (chair)

The Church Basement Ladies Are at it

Again! All are invited to join us Saturday, June 18, for another trip to Murry's Dinner Playhouse to enjoy The Last Potluck Supper. We will leave the church at 4:45 p.m. Tickets are \$36/person. Please sign by June 12 so that we can reserve our seats! For more information, see the sign up sheet in McElyea Hall.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be

Held next Sunday, June 19, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

Central Will Host Trinity Village Vespers

Sunday, June 19, at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall at Trinity Village. All are invited to attend.

The Deadline for the June Issue of *Central*

Scene is Monday, June 20. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Central & Friends from First Presbyterian

Will Be Making a Trip to the Olive Garden in West Little Rock on Saturday June 25th . All are invited to join us for a great dinner and opportunity to fellowship together. Please contact Laura Cosner with any questions. We will take the church van and plan to leave the parking lot at 4:30 pm . A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. We hope that you will join us!

The Session Will Meet on the 4th Sunday, June 26, following the morning worship, in the Conference Room.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from "The Confession of 1967"

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from "The Confession of 1967"

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."

"The Confession of 1967" was written as two major Presbyterian bodies were on a path toward becoming one. It spoke to a time of great stress in our country, as we tried to deal with an increasingly unpopular war in Vietnam, breaking down of long-standing racial barriers, and a growing movement for equality of women. It was built around the theme expressed by Paul in II Corinthians: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." It begins with the paragraphs we read together this morning.