



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Matthew 23:37)

Rose: Come, children!

People: God is calling us, Gathering us, Covering us with hope-filled wings.

Rose: Come, Children!

People: Rest against our Beloved's breast, nurtured and nourished on the milk of love and kindness.

***OPENING HYMN #7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

**1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

**3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Christ gathers the children of God together as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

People: Christ calls us. Christ gathers us. Christ protects us. In Christ we are safe. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory be to the Father"

Hymnal #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Jesus Knows Me! And This I Love

Central Choir

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;

little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus love! me! Yes, Jesus loves me!, Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Jesus love me! and this I love, because He's always watching me from above,
no matter if you are big, no matter if you are small, Jesus loves us one and all!**

Yes, Jesus knows me, Yes, He loves me, Jesus loves me. Just remember that!

Jesus loves and cares about me, because the Bible tells me so.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:14–16 (ESV)

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

SECOND READING: Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her

who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

THIRD READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45–49 (ESV)

45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Two Adams and Two Mothers

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 334 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, Before the “gods” your praise I sing;
I worship in your holy place And praise you for your truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine In your most holy Word divine,

I cried to you and you did save, your word of grace new courage gave;
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;
yes they shall come with songs of praise for great and glorious are your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign alone in heavenly height;
the proud in vain your favor seek, but you have mercy for the meek. Through
trouble though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me.

You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm. The
work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done. Your love for
ever will endure: your mercy lord is ever sure.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's 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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER (adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com)

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

Dear Lord, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of motherhood. We give thanks to you for the many faithful mothers in Scripture, such as Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois, who inspire us to this day. We also recognize and honor the names of other women who have served as motherly figures and have inspired us with their faith and love. On this special day, we are mindful of all these women, and especially Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who displayed courage and faith when answering your calling.

May the women gathered here today follow the examples of faith set by these

women before them, and may they model for us all what it truly means to be your disciple. We ask for your blessings to be upon them on this day and always. **Amen.**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 336 We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning: thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, our leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation: thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE**

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.***

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Emil & Carol Brown
Hester Insley
Karen Perdue
Jemmie Moseley*

*Laura Brown Hayes
Munn Family
Mosley Family*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Allie Cooper & Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca & Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dr. Dan Festa</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Bernice Collins</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>
<i>Jason McGriff</i>	<i>Friend of Jessica Munn</i>	<i>Harry Moore</i>	<i>Brother of Nina Reeves</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Westover Hills, Little Rock

Allison Memorial, Little Rock

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 the Office know.

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 hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

We recognize and honor all the mothers in our congregation on this special day. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmothers, stepmothers, and mother figures who have poured love and guidance into the lives of their children. We thank you for your selflessness and devotion, and we pray for God's continued blessings upon you and your families.

The monthly fellowship luncheon and the stated Session meeting are scheduled for Next Sunday May 21st.

All of you are cordially invited to join us in observing a significant occasion on May 28th. This day marks Pentecost Sunday, a momentous event that commemorates the descent and perpetual presence of the Holy Spirit.

Worship Leaders for the Month of May

Lay Reader: Rose VonTungeln

Scripture Reader: Laura Cosner

