



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Psalm 13))

Rose : Let us sing to the Lord

All : Our God has dealt bountifully with us

Rose : The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden

All : In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Rose : Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

All : And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation

***OPENING HYMN # 354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

(Chorus) Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; and is sifting out all human hearts before His judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer! O be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on

**3 In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into instruments of righteousness. Trusting that grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of our world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us.

When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. (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: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our
Souls

People: . In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

I Am with You (by Greg Habegger)

**I am with you, says the Father; Through the floods, I calm and keep.
Though the swelling waves surround you, I surround the waters deep.
Fear not, loved one; feel My presence. You will never be alone.
Trust me, loved one; you are precious. You are Mine—My very own.**

**I am with you, says the Savior, Even to the age's end. Never leaving, nor
forsaking, I'm your ever-present Friend. Fear not, loved one; hear My comfort:
None can pluck you from My hand. Trust me, loved one; I am constant:
None can change what I have planned.**

**I am with you, says the Spirit, There is nowhere you can flee. Neither height
nor depth can hide you; Every place is home to Me.
Fear not, loved one; hear My witness: You are God's own child and heir. Trust
me, loved one; hear My whisper: Deep within you, I am here.**

**Come be with Me, says the Master, Greeting hopeful, homesick eyes. I was
with you in your journey; Be with Me in paradise. Fear not, loved one; know
My promise: I will surely, quickly come. Trust me, loved one; know My
purpose: I will bring you safely home.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

First Reading: Genesis 22:9–14 (ESV)

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So

Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Second Reading: James 1:2–4 (ESV)

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Will the Lord Provide?

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

1 My country 'tis of thee sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride
From every mountainside Let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee Land of the noble free Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills Thy woods and templed hills
My heart will rapture thrills fills like that above.

4 Our Father God to thee Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light
Protect us by thy might , great God, our King.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You each are encouraged to give voice to your concerns or to name those for whom you love and pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

**O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

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*

*Laura Brown Hayes
Munn Family
Jemmie Moseley*

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>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Grace, Little Rock

First, Malvern

**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.

Announcements

As we enter the vibrant season of summertime, we recognize that many of our congregation members will embark on journeys near and far. Whether it's a road trip, a family vacation, or a visit to loved ones, we pray for everyone's safety and well-being. As you set out on your travels, we encourage you to remember the importance of seeking God's protection.

Session Announcement: Please note that the Session will not meet during the month of July.

Fellowship Luncheon: Join us for our third Sunday fellowship luncheon on July 16th. We look forward to a time of food and fellowship together.

Floral Dedication: The beautiful flowers adorning our Sanctuary are dedicated in loving memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner. They are given by Zac, Laura & Langston Cosner. Let us remember this family in our prayers during this time of remembrance.

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Session

Class of 2023

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Class of 2024

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Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

The Lord
will
provide