



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, July 23, 2023

Eighth 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

Rose : God's Spirit gathers us

All : We are not alone

Rose : God's Spirit calls us

All : We are to discern together God's will

Rose : God's Spirit sends us

All : We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior

***OPENING HYMN # 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if I survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;**

**while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.**

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8)

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God’s truth. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. (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: Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God

People: In the name of 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

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God

For Justice, for freedom, for mercy; hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief; be near; hear our prayer, O God.

For Wisdom, for courage, for comfort; hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear; be near; hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life; hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death; be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity, light in our ; darkness.

We call you; we wait; be near; hear our prayer, O God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

Psalm 96:10–13 (ESV)

10 Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

John 14:1–6 (ESV)

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (ESV)

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Don’t Be Uninformed

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

1 the days are surely coming, says God to all the earth, when you will see my promise; salvation come to birth. My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

2 the days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one, when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun. Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear, for I am your Redeemer, and I am drawing near

3 the days are surely coming when we will know at last the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass. Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 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 # 847 Our Hope, Our Life (Psalm 49)**

1 Our hope our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess. Why crave renown oh opulence? They fade, those things we now possess.

2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they cherish will decay; and still the ransom for a soul remains a prize too great to pay

3 Though wealth or learning maybe ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land, the shackles of mortality prevent so much that we have planned

4 Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny: the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally

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:

First, Little Rock

Presbytery Staff

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

Everyone's warmly invited to join us for a joyous and entertaining event - our upcoming Burger & Bingo Night! Save the date: July 30th at 6:00 PM. Get ready for a delightful evening filled with scrumptious hotdogs, burgers, thrilling games, and delightful company.

To make this gathering even more special, we encourage you to bring your favorite side dishes to share with everyone. Additionally, don't forget to bring a Bingo prize valued at around \$5.

Trinity Village Birthday Party: The ladies of our church have graciously taken charge of organizing the upcoming quarterly birthday celebration at Trinity Village. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, September 20th, as we come together to commemorate this special occasion.

Vesper Service will be held at Trinity Village on July 30th. Please mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful and uplifting gathering.

From the Women of the Church: We invite all members of our congregation to participate in gathering breakfast food items that will be donated to schools in our community to support our local schools and make a positive impact on the lives of students.

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Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."

(John 14:1)

