



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, July 30, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose : Christ has set us free

People : **Free to serve**

Free to welcome and include

Free to love our neighbors as ourselves

Rose : Let's worship our God together!

***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

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION n (based on Psalm 51:10-12)

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. (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

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**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.**

ANTHEM

This Is My Song

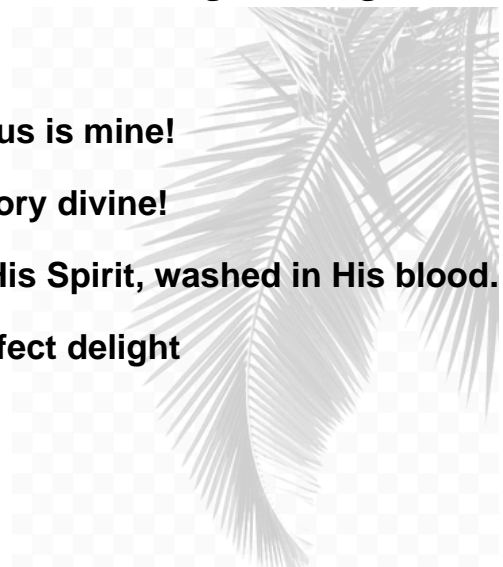
Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh


Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect Submission, perfect delight





Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy whisper of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness,
lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior for all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jessica Munn

Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Nothing Can

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #839. Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

*** Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe:

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
- that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
- that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN # 772. Live into Hope

1 Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.

The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity,

Removing shades of pride and fear-- A vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak the right to be,

The right to have one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.

God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

*Munn Family
Jemmie Moseley
Karen Perdue*

*Hester Insley
Emil & Carol Brown*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Trinity, Little Rock

Spring River, Hardy

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

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| Pastor Rev. Jai D. Kwak | Pianist/Organist Young Ju Oh |
| Treasurer Rose VonTungeln | Sound Board Operator Zac Cosner |

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Session

| <u>Class of 2023</u> | <u>Class of 2024</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Laura Cosner | George Mosley (Clerk) |
| Jane Judkins | Zac Cosner |
| Denise Mosley | Pat Drewett |
| Suzy VonTungeln | |

Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground
 Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach
 Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Everyone's warmly invited to join us for a joyous and entertaining event this evening. **Burger & Bingo Night!** This evening at 6:30pm. 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 this afternoon at 4pm. Please 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.

The VonTungeln family cordially invites you to a delightful Pool Party on Sunday, August 6th, immediately after the worship service. Come and join in the fun! We'll be serving delicious burgers and hot dogs, complemented by a variety of scrumptious sides. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit, towel, and ample sunscreen to stay protected as you take part in the merriment. Everyone is welcome to attend, and while swimming is entirely optional, we hope you'll be enticed to dive in and make a splash with us!