



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Logan : Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

People : **This day is God's gift to us.**

Logan : Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

People : **God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

Logan : Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

People : **God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.**

**\*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**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,  
in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our  
sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to  
accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while  
ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts.  
We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.  
Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit  
on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with  
your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people  
you would us be. (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: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*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**

### **We Are Yours, Lord**

**Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh**

**When we pray, we will pray with a thankful heart. When we sing, we will sing with a joyful voices. When we serve, we'll serve with willing hands for we are yours, Lord. We are yours, Lord.**

**When we speak, we will speak with loving care. When we act, we will act with firm conviction. When we give we will give with the boundless joy for we are yours, Lord. We are yours. Lord.**

**You lift us up. You give us hope. You fill our lives with the power of your Spirit. You give us life. You make us whole and we are changed forever through your love.**

**Within this calm and peaceful place, near to your heart, O Lord. We find the joy of saving grace near to your heart, O Lord. Your gentle hand will lead us guiding us ever more. Your tender love will keep us near to your heart, O Lord.**

**As we leave, we will live in grace and truth. As we share, we will share with the love and kindness. As we walk, we will walk in humble faith for we are yours, Lord. We are yours, Lord. You lift us up. You give us hope. You fill our lives with the power of your Spirit. You give us life. You make us whole, and we are changed forever through your love.**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

**Rose VonTungeln**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

### Leviticus 19:1–2 (ESV)

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

### Matthew 4:16–17 (ESV)

16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand Rev. Jai D. Kwak

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### HYMN # 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need your tender care; In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your folds prepare: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us, we are yours; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us, we are yours.

**2 We are yours, in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, your children when we pray; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, your children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor, Early let us do your will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our spirits fill: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' 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**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY 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 # 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

2 Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace: Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

**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  
Lan Kelly*

*Hester Insley  
Emil & Carol Brown  
Laura Hayes*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Rebecca &amp; 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 &amp; Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*Wynne Church, Wynne*

*Commissioned Ruling Elders*

***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

**Pastor**

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

**Pianist/Organist**

Young Ju Oh

**Treasurer**

Rose VonTungeln

**Sound Board Operator**

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### Session

**Class of 2023**

Laura Cosner

Jane Judkins

Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

**Class of 2024**

George Mosley (Clerk)

Zac Cosner

Pat Drewett

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

The Women's Circle is scheduled to convene on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of September. For September, our gathering will take place on the 18th at 6:30 pm.

We had a wonderful turnout on the Senior Citizen event yesterday. Thank you all who participate. And much appreciation to all who helped this event possible.

**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.



Little hands, little feet, simply precious and oh so sweet! Please join us for a 'Baby Shower,' honoring Isaac Michael Filius Martin today 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Mary Light's (5503 Sorrells Rd.)

