



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas



Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Zac: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Zac: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

Zac: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Zac: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zac: As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel;

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Reeves

The Road to Hell Is Paved with Good Intentions

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 at 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.

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

(We use debts and debtors)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE**

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.**

Lay Reader: Zac Cosner

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Donna McCaleb
Bernice Lackey
Carol Brown
Karen Perdue
David Perdue
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW
PRESBYTERIANS:**

First, Mena

Directors of Children's Programs

**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

We will continue to hold worship services online only through the month of July. We miss everyone and pray we see you soon!

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, CentralPrespb.com

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