



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Isaiah 55)

Lay Reader: Seek the Lord while God is to be found.

People: Call upon God while God is near!

Lay Reader: Repent of unrighteous ways.

People: It is never too late to turn to God!

Lay Reader: Get rid of evil thoughts.

People: Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!

Lay Reader: For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us of our transgressions.

People: We will praise God for the new life we have found!

Lay Reader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN # 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lay Reader: Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you give us chance after chance to do right and bear good fruit. But we continue to stray from your path of righteousness, losing ourselves in the wilderness of sin. Gracious God, return us to you this Lent. Receive us. Redeem us. Transform us into the disciples you deserve. (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

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and share the love you have graciously received. 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

Until Then

Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ

My heart can sing when I pause to remember
A heartache here is but a stepping-stone
Along a trail that's winding always upward,
This troubled world is not my final home.

(Refrain)

But until then my heart will go on singing,
Until then with joy I'll carry on,
Until the day my eyes behold the city,
Until the day God calls me home.

The things of earth will dim and lose their value
If we recall they're borrowed for awhile;
And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble,
Remembered there will only bring a smile.

This weary world with all its toil and struggle
May take its toll of misery and strife;
The soul of man is like a waiting falcon;
When it's released, it's destined for the skies.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 51:1-4

1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my
transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

4 Against You Oh God, You only, I have sinned
And done what is evil in Your sight,
So that You are justified when You speak
And blameless when You judge.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted
by the devil.

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’ ”

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written,

‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’ ”

7 Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’ ”

8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;

9 and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’ ”

11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Into your wilderness...

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

***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 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 # 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

***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.***

Lay Reader: Elder Denise Moseley

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

There are updated Giving Statements in the church office. You may pick them up after worship.

Sunday School starts at 9:50am every Sunday Morning. Please join us for this time of learning!

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