



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, August 7, 2022**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

(Light Bearers: Langston Cosner & Skarlett Munn)

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8:-16)

Lay reader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

Lay reader By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 1 . Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

- 1. Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty!**  
Early in the morning, my song shall rise to thee  
Holy. holy, holy Merciful, and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,**  
Though the eyes of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sin shuts us down and stops us short of hearing of God's Word. Let us open ourselves to hearing God's truth and free ourselves to follow God's path.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. (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**

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. 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**

**For Those Tears I Died**

**Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh**

**You said you'd come and share all my sorrows,**

**You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows;**

**I came so close to sending you away, But just like you promised,  
You came here to stay. I just had to pray!**

**(Chorus)**

**And Jesus said, "come to the water, Stand by my side.  
I know you are thirsty. You won't be denied  
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died**

**Your goodness so great I can't understand,  
And dear Lord, I know that this was all planned.  
I know you're here now, and always will be.  
Your love loosed my chains, and in you I'm free.**

**Jesus, I give You my heart and my soul.  
I know that without You I'd never be whole.**

**Savior, You opened all the right doors, And I thank You and Praise You  
from earth's humble shores. Take me, I'm Yours.**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

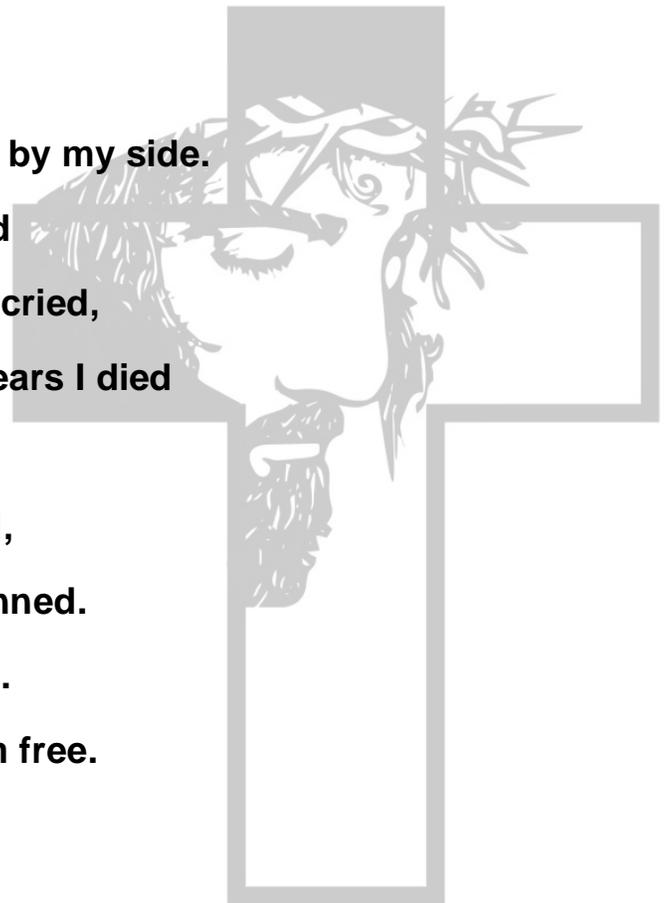
**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Laura Cosner**

**Romans 1:1-7**



**Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**“Why Did He Do That?”**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**HYMN**

**# 246 Christ Is Alive!**

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.**

**4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

**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 # 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]**

**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.***



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.

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Jai D. Kwak	<b>Pianist/Organist</b> Young Ju Oh
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**Session**

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Zachary Cosner (Clerk)	Laura Cosner
Pat Drewett	Jane Judkins
George Mosley	Denise Mosley
Danny Reeves	Suzy VonTungeln

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance  
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education  
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach  
 Danny Reeves - Building & Grounds  
 Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

## Announcements

For Information on the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance's response to the crisis in Ukraine please head to our website, [CentralPresPB.com](http://CentralPresPB.com), or <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

We are proud to announce that Central (with support from Presbytery) will hold a series of Community events in the following months. As God is committed to His people, we are committed to our community for the good news of Jesus Christ.

The first event ("Back to School") will be held on Aug. 20th, 2022. We will provide backpacks and school supplies to families in need. We will also have hotdogs and a bounce house for all to enjoy! You are welcome to donate to this event. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the event or making a donation, please contact Laura Cosner or any of the committee members (Kay Cromwell, Denise Mosley, & Logan Mosley.)

Work in progress!

The session of the Central is committed to keeping our beautiful place of worship in good condition. Many repairs and updates have been done recently. Yet our doors need a fresh new coat of paint. The session would like to ask the congregation to make a special offering to fund the cost of the painting which is approximately \$2,500.

Pastor Jai & Young will have a week off from August 14-20. On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Carol Clark will deliver a message.

You can find out more information on what's going on around the church, download old bulletins, tithe online, catch live broadcasts of our services, or watch them after the fact on our website, [CentralPresPB.com](http://CentralPresPB.com)