



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 20:19-31))**

George: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

**All : We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**

George: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

**All : We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**

George: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All : We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 612 We Praise You, O God**

**1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you, We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; Through trial and tempest, our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**3. With voices united our praises we offer, And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us, To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. (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: "Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19). Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.

**People: In Christ, we are at peace indeed! Alleluia. 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**

**Above All**

**Central Choir**

**Above all powers, Above all kings, Above all nature**

**And all created things, Above all wisdom, And all the ways of man**

**You were here Before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms, Above all thrones, Above all wonders  
The world has ever known, Above all wealth, And treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure What You're worth**

**Crucified, Laid behind a stone, You lived to die Rejected and alone  
Like a rose Trampled on the ground  
You took the fall And thought of me  
Above all**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jessica Munn**

**John 20-19-31 (ESV)**

**19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."**

**24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place**

my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Believing Without Seeing*

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #462 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old  
story of Jesus and his love.

**2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)**

**3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's 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**

**OFFERING**

**\*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 heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF 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 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN # 634 To God Be the Glory**

**1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**2. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (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.***

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Mosley Family  
Jemmie Moseley  
Karen Perdue*

*Emil & Carol Brown  
Hester Insley  
Munn Family*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Allie Cooper &amp; Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca &amp; Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dr. Dan Festa</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Bernice Collins</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>
<i>Jason McGriff</i>	<i>Friend of Jessica Munn</i>	<i>Harry Moore</i>	<i>Brother of Nina Reeves</i>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*Central, Fort Smith*

*Active Deacons*

**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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Young Ju Oh

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### **Session**

**Class of 2023**

Laura Cosner

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George Mosley  
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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