



*First Presbyterian Church*  
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*Fifteenth Sunday of PENTECOST*  
*SEPTEMBER 13, 2020*

**PRELUDE**

Marilyn Seel

**WELCOME**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #280 Amazing Grace (vs. 1-4)**

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!
3. Through many danger, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: **bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: **so great is God's steadfast love for us.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **FIRST READING**

*Genesis 50:15-21*

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Rev. Mike Clark

**Loving God,**

**We confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Mike Clark

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **THE GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

*Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13*

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

## **OUR OFFERINGS**

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

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 THANKSGIVING**

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Romans 14:1-12*

Doug Wells, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (traditional) (UNISON)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Rev. Mike Clark

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THIS WE BELIEVE** (UNISON)

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 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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Mike Clark

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mike Clark

**POSTLUDE**

Marilyn Seel

**Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020**

**Central Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff (Established-1850 Members-43)  
Church Camp Ministries**



## Annual Church Picnic

The annual church picnic that was to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> has been POSTPONED due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the increased cases and deaths in Baxter County.

*Could we have a “non-picnic” church picnic? How might that look?  
Contact Pastor Clark with your CREATIVE ideas!!*

Be **SAFE** from coronavirus infection

Be **SMART** & inform yourself about it

Be **KIND** & support one another