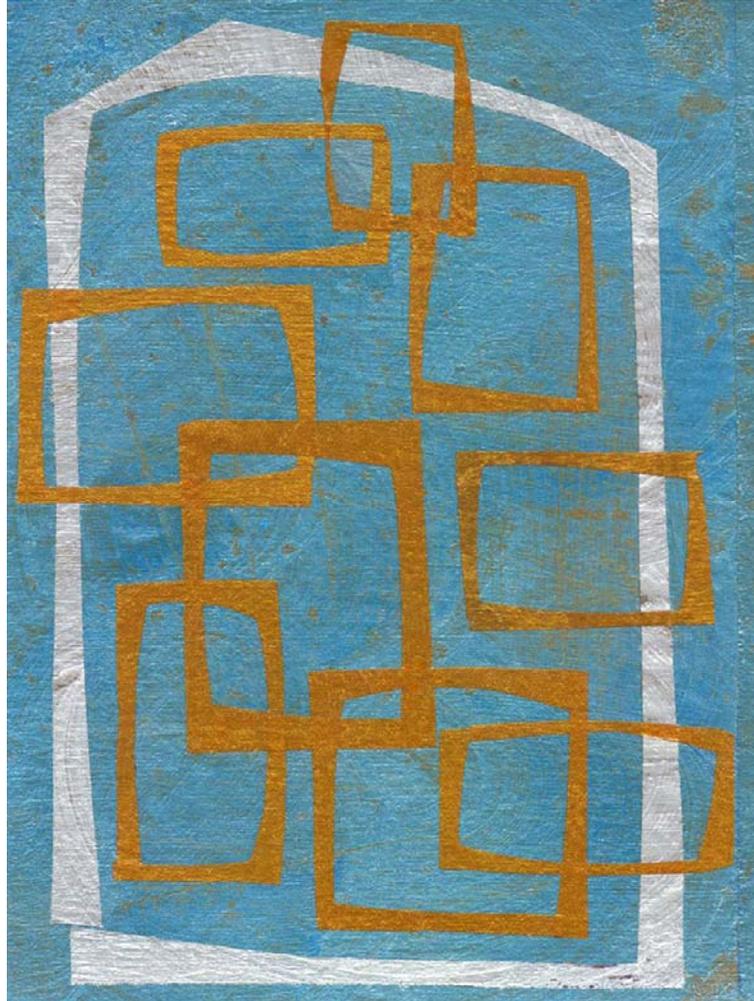


MAY 14, 2017 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Many Rooms
Jan Richardson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LOBE DEN HERREN

PAUL MANZ

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

JAMIE KLEIN

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for all people everywhere.

Let us share God's love and life and be renewed in the Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✦ HYMN No. 757

TODAY WE ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

KINGSFOLD

For the younger ones among us:

Today we celebrate our youth who are being confirmed. Confirmation is a time when our youth say “yes” to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. What are some things you can do to show that you say “yes” to being a disciple of Jesus?

In the Presbyterian Church, confirmation is a rite recognizing the sealing of the covenant created in Baptism. It also bestows full membership in a local congregation. At Central, confirmation involves a nine month period of preparation, study, discernment, and prayer, involving a youth, his or her parents, and a sponsor.

The Affirmation for today’s service was taken from the faith statements of Central’s confirmands, who have spent the entire program year studying, learning, and praying together as they prepared for today’s Confirmation.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

MILLS RENTZ-BAKER

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our light, our savior, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused many of your gifts. You invite us to taste that you are good; we cultivate tastes for lesser things. You show us yourself, that we might believe; we close our ears and eyes to you. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house; we disobey your word and stumble upon the foundation you provide. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your face shine upon us again and serve you with faithfulness and hope . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIONA MOORE-KEISH

✦RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOHN 14:1-14

PAGE 103 NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

PSALM 139:1-18

PAGE 589 OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

GREATER WORKS

MICHELLE HWANG

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 726

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

KELVINGROVE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PHOEBE CATHERINE HUNTER

PRESENTATION
VOW

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED (TRADITIONAL)

P. 35, HYMNAL

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTIZING

BLESSING

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

SAM BYERS, NADIA DELARUE, JAMIE KLEIN,
SANDY LUM, FIONA MOORE-KEISH, MILLS RENTZ-BAKER, CLAYTON WILSON

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WRITTEN BY THE 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We believe in God, who is seen through the love and beauty that surrounds us today. We continue to strive to understand God and her plan for us and we have yet to experience her wonders.

We believe in Jesus Christ who is seen in the love of a mother or father towards their child. Jesus is in the ceaseless love of those who give their lives to the betterment of the planet and society in the perfect way Christ intended. Jesus was a teacher, he tried to teach the lesson of righteousness- love, equality, and mercy. Jesus was a regular Palestinian Jew who experienced the phases of life as any person; as a toddler, to a rocking twelve year-old, to a man.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is within every living being. We believe the Spirit is love and the connection that we have with each other, with the world, and with God.

We believe baptism is when you are blessed with the holy water, and become a part of the community that loves and supports you, even when you are going through tough times. It is significant to our faith, because as a community, we make a promise to love and care for whomever is getting baptized.

We believe that communion is a symbol for what Jesus did while he was on earth and what he will continue to do as Christ. We break bread and drink wine in remembrance of him, but also to remember that Christ will always be with us.

We believe that the church should be a force for peace, use its power for charity and to help those who need help. We seek Christ in this community that loves all, welcomes everyone with warm hearts and open arms and forgives unconditionally.

ANOINTING AND SYMBOLS OF DISCIPLESHIP CHARGE

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

CHILD OF GOD

LAYTON DE VRIES, ARR. DALE CROTHENHUIS

JERUSALEM CHOIR; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; KAREN BROWN, ACCOMPANIST

O child of God, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When you wake up in the morning and the sun is shining down,

The Lord watches over every step you take.

When the world has knocked you down and you don't know which way to turn,

Rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When your friends have turned against you, and you feel all alone,

The Lord watches over every move you make.

God will always be right there to protect and love his child.

When darkness drifts around you, and your eyes close in sleep,

The Lord watches over every breath you take.

And when death comes near to bring you home, you have no need to fear,

Rest assured, the Lord is with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOLLY MCGINNIS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Alternative version—see text in margin)*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

FESTIVO

ARNOLD SHERMAN

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

CLAYTON WILSON

THANKS!

We thank Berta Irwin for the creation of the Confirmation Stoles designed for each confirmand using symbols chosen by their parents and confirmation sponsors to reflect their image of the confirmand; and thank Edna Bacon for creation of the Central pottery mugs given to each confirmand for the last two decades!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother, Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and forever. Amen.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN** NO. 749

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

WE ARE CALLED

✦ **PARTING AND BLESSING**

(See insert)

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** HYMN NO. 749, REFRAIN

WE ARE CALLED

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

REJOICE

NOEL GOEMANNE

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad and Anna George Traynham.
Our lector today is Sandy Lum.
We welcome Brent Ivey, organist, who is playing today while Vicki Fey is away.
Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org. You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."
Music is printed under Onelicense.net AA-710014.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Susan Landrum ▪ Hugh Landrum,
co-captains ▪ Carolyn Porter
Mike Sizemore ▪ Chris Kelly
Kathy Walker ▪ Terry Tusher
Shelley Parnes

Greeters

Shirley Landrum
Roland Kinser ▪ Deanna Robbins

Deacons of the Day

Philip Covin ▪ Mark Borst

Sound Engineer

Kim McNair

Counters

Lee Biola ▪ David Messer
Carol McCullough Messer

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Cook-Byers Family
Sarah, Kevin, Sam & David
Jo & Ted McMurtrie

Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

Choir Guild

Dot Phillips

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, May 14

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, May 15

No events scheduled

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Revelation Ringers at
Clairmont Place

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 18

No events scheduled

Friday, May 19

No events scheduled

Saturday, May 20

No events scheduled

Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
David Cozad preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
6:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Party

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| Anna George Traynham and Molly McGinnis | |
| | Associate Pastors |
| P. C. (Buddy) Ennis | Pastor Emeritus |
| David A. VanderMeer | |
| | Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries |
| Vicki Fey | Organist |
| Michael Morgan | Organist Emeritus |

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

AS TEACHING ELDERS

Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!