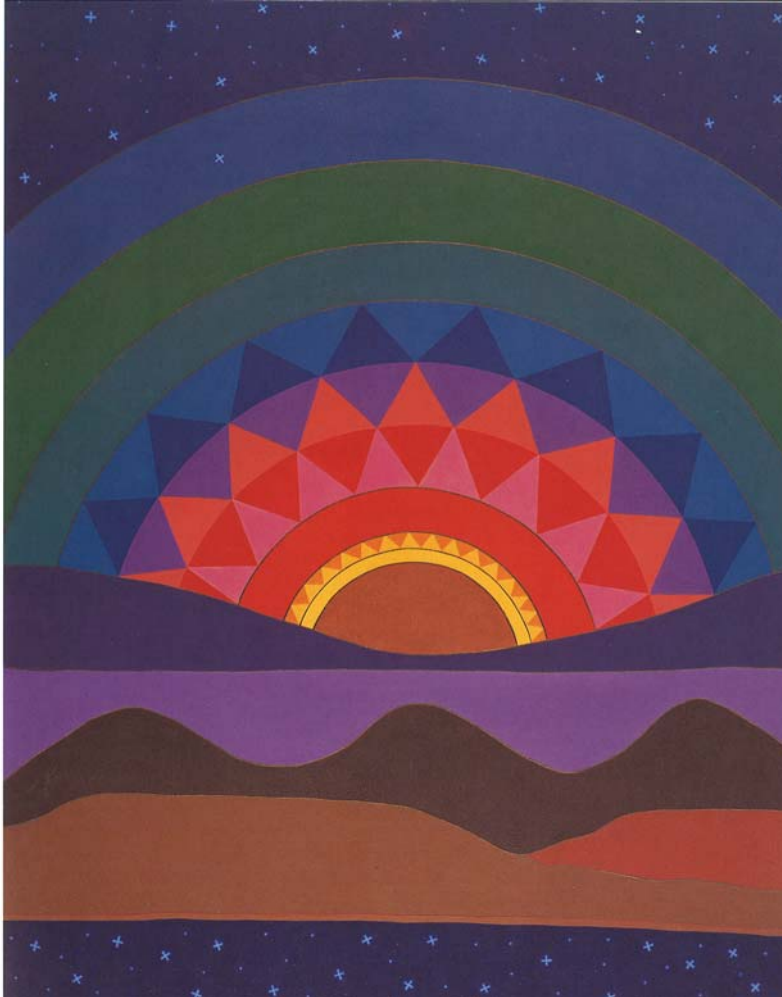


MAY 21, 2017 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Psalm 66
New Mexico Sunset
Linda Lomahaftewa

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. ALEX GUEBERT

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

KEITH THOMPSON

*The joy of God draws near, where faith encounters fear,
Where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.*

*The joy of God is here, embracing those who walk in God's paths.
The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,
where hearts are tired and hope is bruised.*

The joy of God remains, where good news brings new life.

✦ HYMN No. 386

COME, WORSHIP GOD

O QUANTA QUALIA

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.

For the younger ones among us:

We talk a lot in church about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. If someone asked you what God means to you, what would you say? Maybe we can all say that God is always there for us. In good times and in bad times, we are not alone.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

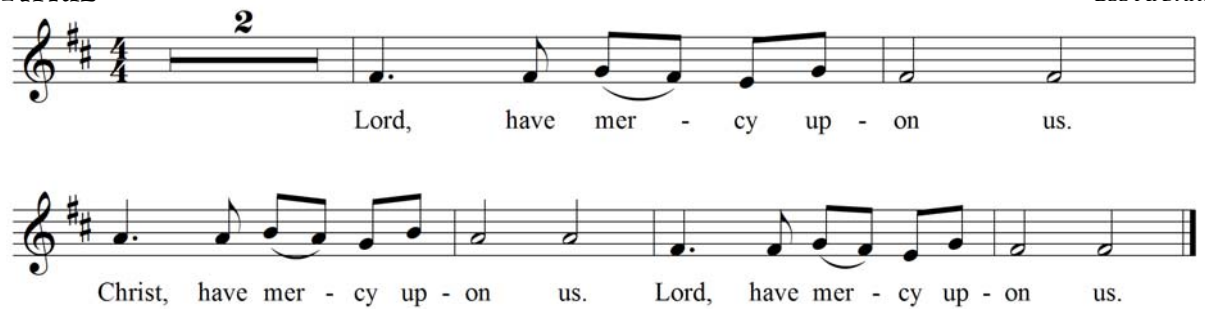
✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, maker of all, have mercy on our self-importance. Jesus Christ, servant of the poor, have mercy on our self-centeredness. Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on our self-sufficiency. Before you, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. So we lay down what is past and look to the future; so we take into daily life signs of hope and healing . . .

(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


✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA

O'CARROLL/WALKER

(Please sing twice)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 66:8-20

PAGE 536, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING

MARTIN SHAW

CHANCEL CHOIR

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered the people. Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands; O sing praises to the honor of God's name.

Make God's praise to be glorious.

SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:13-18A, 21-22

PAGE 224, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

ACCOUNTING FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 772

LIVE INTO HOPE

TRURO

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky.
Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died —
but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth,
east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as members of God's family,
and to his mission in the world, in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

COMPASSION
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

JASON KRUG

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 765

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US

ARGENTINA

(Please sing twice)

THANKS!

We thank Edna Bacon for creation of the Central pottery mugs which she has crafted for the graduating seniors for the last two decades!

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

BWANA ASIFIWE (PRAISE THE LORD)

ARR. MARK BURROWS

TRADITIONAL SWAHILI; INCORPORATING LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Bwana asifiwe, praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord in the heavens. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Praise the Lord, praise God's name.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation.

Oh, my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

CHORALE TUNE - O QUANTA QUALIA

FLOR PETERS

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Anna George Traynham and Keith Thompson.

Our lector today is David York.

The flowers today are given by the Music and Liturgical Arts Committee, the Chancel Choir, the Geneva Handbell Choir, and Revelation Ringers, to the glory of God and in honor of David VanderMeer's graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary with a Masters Degree in Practical Theology with Concentration in Worship.

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.

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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!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
Vicki Collier ▪ Philip Covin
Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake
Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers
Jean Ellen Jones

Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes

Deacons of the Day

Fiona Moore-Keish ▪ Vanessa Hunter

Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

Counters

Craig Knight ▪ Michael Davis
John Heidbreder ▪ Chris Sciarrone

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:
Ginger & Russell
The Lewis Amos Family:
Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth
Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

Choir Guild

Frances Padgett

SUMMER STUDIES 2017:

The Martin Luther Quincentenary 500 Years of Reformations

Lead off speaker, Sunday, June 4th
Dr. Jonathan Strom,
Professor of Church History
Candler School of Theology

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, May 21

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
6:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Party

Monday, May 22

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25

No events scheduled

Friday, May 26

No events scheduled

Saturday, May 27

No events scheduled

Sunday, May 28

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Anna George Traynham
preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATION PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 4

You are invited to wear red, yellow, or orange clothing to help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday. That day at lunch we will have a celebration of our Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Worship. It is free to all, and will include décor and pictures from our grant year and table activities for all ages!

September 2-4, 2017
All Church **RETREAT**
OUR NEIGHBORS, OURSELVES

Matthew 22:34-40