

MAY 28, 2017 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Ascension
Jan Richardson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *PRELUDE ON NUN DANKET ALL'*

WILBUR HELD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICHELLE HWANG

Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*We gather on this holy day,
For we have seen Love crucified and raised.
We gather around a font and a table,
For we have known Joy through water and bread.
We gather around an ancient story,
For we have heard Truth in the words of the scriptures.
We gather around the Holy Spirit,
Who enlivens our hearts for the worship of God!*

✦ HYMN No. 409

GOD IS HERE!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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:

On Christmas, we remembered that God was born as a human in Jesus. Through Lent and Good Friday, we remembered that Jesus suffered and died, and, on Easter, Jesus rose to show that God's love is stronger than anything! In today's story, Jesus "ascends" (or rises up) into heaven to be with God.

What is your favorite part of the Jesus story? Share your favorite Jesus story with a grown up, and ask them their favorite!

Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand the scripture reading. "Illumination" is the act of shining light on something. We pray God will give us new understandings of the reading, or shine the light for us to see and understand what we hear.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

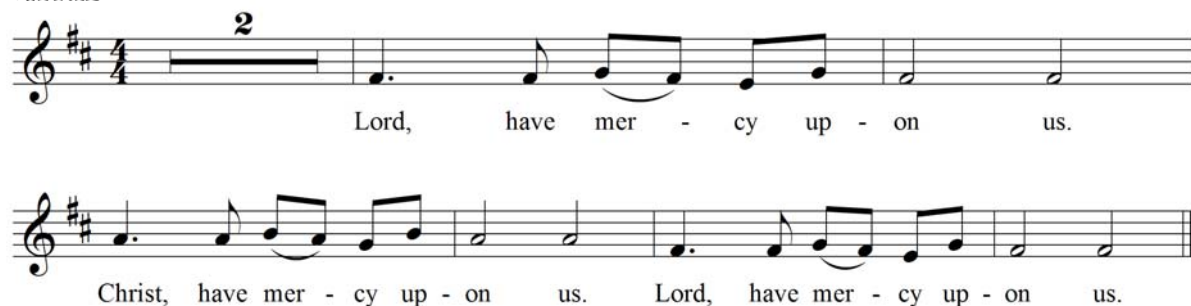
✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you are devoted to us;
Forgive us when we are not devoted to you.
We would rather be secure than be brave.
We would rather be in control than be faithful.
We know that you call out for us to follow,
But we look for you in all the wrong places.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us from our self-centeredness.
Empower us to know the depth of your grace,
And lead us to share that grace with the world . . .

(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 68:1-19, 32-35

PAGE 537 OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

ACTS 1:1-14

PAGE 85 NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 407

SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYERS NAN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

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 O CLAP YOUR HANDS

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR

O clap your hands together, all you people. O sing unto God with the voice of melody,
For the Lord is high and to be feared. God is the great king upon all the earth.

God shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

The Lord shall choose an heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob whom God loves.

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises, sing praises to our God; O sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding.

O clap your hands together all ye people.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 463

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 748

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

ARR. EDWIN T. CHILDS

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.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Michelle Hwang.
Our lector today is Ann Hunter.
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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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!

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, June 11 for the purpose of electing members of the **Pastor Nominating Committee**.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain
Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright
Kimble McNair ▪ Deanna Robbins
Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
Nancy Wilkes ▪ Martha Kimes

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Martha Haythorn
Chantal Tusher

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland
Hugh & Shirley Landrum

Bell Ringer

Runge Family

Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

Choir Guild

Kathy McCloud

PENTECOST OFFERING

Next Sunday, we will collect the PCUSA Pentecost Offering, which helps the church encourage, develop, and support young people and at-risk children. 40% of the offering is given away at the discretion of Central's Global Mission committee, and the remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, such as the Young Adult Volunteer program.

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 28
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, May 29
Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 30
10:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 31
No events scheduled

Thursday, June 1
10:00 a.m. Long-range Worship Planning

Friday, June 2
No events scheduled

Saturday, June 3
No events scheduled

Sunday, June 4
Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Children's Committee
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
David Cozad preaching
12:15 p.m. Celebration Lunch
Free to the whole congregation!
12:15 p.m. Global Mission Meeting
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!

Sunday, June 11 | Benefit Recital *An Afternoon of Song*

Rand Chapel | 2 p.m.
Artists: Amber Tittle, Mezzo Soprano, Sheldon Michael, Baritone, and Vicki Fey, Pianist
Join us for an afternoon of song featuring works by Strauss, Niles, Swanson, Faure and more! This 45 minute recital is being presented as a fundraiser for Central Presbyterian's Scotland Reformation Tour.