

WORD AND SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 1, 2016 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | HAITI DEDICATION SUNDAY



View from the church site in
Trou Jacques, Haiti

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

BRENT IVEY, GUEST ORGANIST

(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

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make God's face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

FROM PSALM 67

LUCY STRONG

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:

Today we are saying a special prayer of thanks for our sister church in Haiti. The people there are worshipping God and giving thanks for us today, too. We have worked together with them to build a church in their village! Our friendship reminds us that God's church is much bigger than Central. The church stretches across the whole world, and we are all part of God's family.

Our opening hymn was commissioned in memory of Margaret Montgomery. Today we are dedicating a church in Trou Jacques, Haiti, which has been built in memory of Margaret and Howard Montgomery in partnership with their family and the La Gonave Haiti Partnership. As we sing the hymn, we give thanks for the faithful, welcoming spirits of Margaret and Howard and the people of Trou Jacques.

✦ **HYMN**

COME INSIDE (See insert)

MARY LOUISE BRINGLE

✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

MOLLY MCGINNIS

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of new life,
 Forgive us when we would rather mourn the old.
 God of resurrection.
 Forgive us when all we can see is death.
 God of faithfulness,
 Forgive us when we are certain that we are alone.
 Forgive us, God of mercy.
 Make us aware of the depth of your grace,
 That we might respond with lives of faithfulness . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ **KYRIE**

LEE AFDAHL

✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✦ **PASSING THE PEACE**

✦ **RESPONSE**

GOD IS SO GOOD

GOD IS SO GOOD

NAZARETH CHOIR; VICKI NORMAN, GUEST DIRECTOR; RICK WORNAT, ACCOMPANIST

TEDDY SUAZO, CANTOR

(Choir will begin. Please join as directed)

God is so good. God is so good. God is so good. God's so good to me.

The children in Trou Jacques often sing this song in Creole and English when Central comes to visit. In Creole, the words are "Bondye se bon."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

PAGE 129, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:10, 21:22 - 22:5

PAGE 249, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

Several of today's hymns were written by hymnist Dr. Mel Bringle. Mel is the speaker for our 2016 All Church Retreat, September 3-5. She will lead us in worship, song, and learning around the theme "All Nature Sings." Visit the church website for more information.

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦ **LITANY OF DEDICATION** (See insert)

✦ **HYMN NO. 79**

LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

TEMPLE OF PEACE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *KEEP GOD'S LIGHT*

MARK PATTERSON

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JEFF KERSHNER, DJEMBE
Keep God's light before you; keep God's truth beside you.
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.
Keep God's peace within you; feel God's strength defend you;
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.
Hold on in times of sorrow; hold on through days of despair;
Even in the darkest valley God will always be there.
Look now to days of gladness; God's light still shines the way,
Never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray.

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.

✦ 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!

THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise . . .

Each communion Sunday during worship we create the aroma of fresh baked bread by baking loaves of bread at locations throughout the sanctuary. We worship God with all our senses.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.
If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *IF YE LOVE ME*

PHILIP WILBY

CHANCEL CHOIR
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth.
And ye know him for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

HYMN. No. 520

TASTE AND SEE

TASTE AND SEE

KITSY BATTLE AND DAVID VANDERMEER, CANTORS
(Cantors will sing verses. Please join in the refrain as directed.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 295

GO TO THE WORLD

SINE NOMINE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *HYMN No. 745*

JUNKANOO

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard:
God embraces all! Follow, then, the disciples call;
tend your neighbors with loving care, in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA ON YIGDAL
BRENT IVEY, GUEST ORGANIST

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk, Molly McGinnis, and Lucy Strong.

Our lector today is Matt Baum.

We thank Brent Ivey for playing the organ while Jason Maynard is away.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may subscribe to podcasts at that site and find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

Music is printed under Onelicense.net AA-710014.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

201 Washington Street, SW

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

404-659-0274 • www.cpcatlanta.org

Gary W. Charles Pastor
Michelle Hwang Associate Pastor for
Christian Education and Spiritual Formation
Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk, Anna George Traynham,
and Molly McGinnis Pastors in Residence
P. C. (Buddy) Ennis Pastor Emeritus
David A. VanderMeer
Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Jason Maynard Organist
Michael Morgan Organist Emeritus

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS TEACHING ELDERS

Sarah Paulsen



TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

*A service of songs, scripture, silence,
meditation, prayer, and candles*

This is the last Taizé Prayer Service of the season.

First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Rand Chapel - 7:00 p.m.

Labyrinth open at 6:00 p.m.

Tull Fellowship Hall

Parking on Washington Street

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain ▪ Corie Cox
Brian Bishop ▪ Lee Ebeling
Em McNair ▪ Rick Hertzberg
Keith Pascoe ▪ Jeff Figueroa

Deacons of the Day

Nancy Wilkes ▪ Anne Blankinship

Greeters

Tom Holcomb ▪ Michael Lloyd
Nancy Wilkes

Sound Engineer

Dean Hammond

Counters

Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Partridge Family
Michelle, Joshua, Naiomi

The Bliss Family
Melanie, Jason, Ally, and Tyler

Choir Guild

Beth Gustafson

Bell Ringer

Tom Banyai

Narthex Greeters

Jan DeLong

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 Gary Charles at gcharles@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

GOD'S NEW CALL

Sunday, June 12, will be Gary and Jennell Charles' last Sunday with us as they move to accept a new call at Cove Presbyterian Church near Charlottesville, Virginia, and to join in a new Preaching/Worship venture at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and to consult with Macedonian Ministries. We wish them Godspeed, and pray blessings on this new chapter of their lives.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, May 1

Haiti Trip continues

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Global Mission

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

5:00 p.m. Choir Trip to Seven Stages

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, May 2

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 3

Haiti Trip returns late evening

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff

6:00 p.m. Labyrinth

Tull Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. College Ministry Dinner

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Rand Chapel

Wednesday, May 4

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 5

6:30 p.m. Central Artworks

Blue Mark Studio

Friday, May 6

No events scheduled.

Saturday, May 7

No events scheduled.

Sunday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs

9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir

9:00 a.m. Summer Studies Planning

9:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m. Gary Charles preaching

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

3RD ANNUAL CENTRAL ARTWORKS

WE MAKE ART

Central Outreach and Advocacy Center invites you to join us for our 3rd annual Central Artworks, an art show and fundraiser featuring incredible works created by our guests - men and women experiencing homelessness in metro Atlanta.

Thursday, May 5, 2016

6:30-9:00 pm

Blue Mark Studios

892 Jefferson St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Tickets available at www.centraloac.org or in Tull Hall on Sundays, April 17, April 24 and May 1.