

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 24, 2016 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Abraham bargains with God
Engraving by Gustave Doré
from the 1865 *La Sainte Bible*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*
ERICA PIRTLE, FLUTE

JOHN WYTHE
ARR. BRENT OLSTAD

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*God greets us with the sun each day!
Great is God's faithfulness!*
*God comes to us in the evening, when our bodies are at rest.
Great is God's faithfulness.*
*God comes to us in the light of our eyes and the shadows of our doubts.
Great is God's faithfulness.*
*God is with us now.
Let us worship God.*

JULIA WATKINS

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. 39

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS

For the younger ones among us:

In the prayer of confession, we say, "We're sorry, God," for the things we do that hurt people or the earth. After we confess, the "Assurance of Pardon" reminds us that God forgives us, God loves us, and God will help us to be more faithful! Two children of the church, Grady and Isabella, wrote the confession and assurance that we are saying today, and they will lead it from the font.

The paper lace banners hanging in the front of the sanctuary were designed by Ellen Phillips and cut by the Music and Liturgical Arts Committee. Ellen says this about the banners: "Many people think that Ordinary Time refers to the time of the liturgical year that is not important, but that is not the case at all. It is a time of growth for the church so the liturgical color is green, paralleling (at least in the northern hemisphere) the new life and growth that occurs all around us during these weeks between Easter and Advent. The new banners celebrate God's Abundance. From the birds in the air to the fish in the waters, God has poured out God's goodness to be enjoyed by us all. The banner is crowded with birds and bugs and flowers and fruit and eggplants and eels, living and flourishing as part of God's perfect plan."

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GRADY WILLIAMS AND ISABELLA RUNGE

Grady and Isabella: God, we are sorry for all our sins.
All: God, we are sorry for all our sins . . .

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All: God, we are sorry for all our sins.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

TAKE ME AS I AM



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 444 FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE, (STANZA 1)

DETROIT

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

PAGE 192, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

GENESIS 18:20-33

PAGE 14, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

MOLLY MCGINNIS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 727

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

THE SERVANT SONG

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALLY ANN MCKINSEY SISK

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER FOR TODAY

MARGARET TUCKER/ARR. MICHAEL KEMP

CHANCEL CHOIR AND ERICA PIRTLE, FLUTE

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere
Who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out.
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere
Who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere
Who live in comfort, love, and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease;
But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.
God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere
To come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

✦ 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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 543

GOD BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

GREEN TYLER

✦ LITANY OF PARTING AND BLESSING

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what has been planted;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to let go.
So too there is a time for coming together, and a time for parting.*

*By the grace of God, we have enjoyed through Sally Ann's ministry
times of laughing and learning with our children,
times of care and compassion with the deacons,
times of gathering new members and friends,
times of seeking together
a world more full of God's justice, mercy, and peace.*

**We give thanks to God for Sally Ann's ministry among us
and for the ministry that lies ahead of her.**

*Do you, the members and friends of Central Presbyterian Church release Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk from
service as your pastor, sending her into the service of God in a new time and place?*

We do, with thanks for Sally Ann's service and God's faithfulness.

*Do you, Sally Ann, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation,
and send them into the service of God in a new time and way?
I do, with thanks for Central's service and God's faithfulness.*

And now, in this time of parting, we extend our hands of blessing to you, and pray:

**May God go before you to lead you, behind you to protect you,
beneath you to support you, and beside you to befriend you, now and always.**

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

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.

Downstairs in the Washington Street entrance are two quilted Ordinary Time banners created by Alberta Irwin. The designs are adapted from *Biblical Blocks* by Rosemary Makhani. They were pieced and quilted by Alberta with help from Kitsy Battle and Vicky Norman. The fabrics are Batiks hand dyed in a leaf design. The two hangings are accompanied by a "map" identifying each of the blocks in the pattern.

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

J. S. BACH

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk, Anna George Traynham, and Julia Watkins.
Our lector today is Rudy Massengill.
Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may also subscribe to podcasts at that site.
Music is printed under Onelicense.net AA-710014.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP

Ushers

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

Greeters

Daphne Evans ▪ Sherry Finch ▪ Ken Finch
Martha Kimes

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Mark Borst ▪ Ed Carwile

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Shirley & Hugh Landrum ▪ Liz Burkhardt

Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

Narthex Greeters

Sherry Finch ▪ Marcia Catterall

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, July 24

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

Monday, July 25

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, July 26

10:00 a.m. Program Staff
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, July 27

No events scheduled

Thursday, July 28

No events scheduled

Friday, July 29

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 30

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 31

9:45 a.m. Summer Series continues
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Michelle Hwang preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

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MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS
TEACHING ELDERS

Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt

WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad you found your way to Central. Please sign the friendship pads located in each pew so we may know who you are. If you would like more information please email Anna George Traynham, atraynham@cpcatlanta.org or see one of our greeters wearing a **RED CARNATION** after worship.



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Summer Series 2016 has begun and continues each Sunday through August 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium. The leader on July 31 will be William Yoo. The topic will be *The Presbyterian Struggle over Slavery in the Nineteenth Century: Contrasting Interpretations of Race, Culture, and the Bible*

RECEPTION FOR SALLY ANN MCKINSEY SISK

Please join us today following worship for a reception in Tull Hall celebrating the ministry of Pastor in Residence Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk as she leaves for a new ministry in Virginia.