

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 17, 2016 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mary and Martha
He Qi

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SUITE NO.1, COURANTE
KRISTEEN SORRELLS, VIOLA

J.S. BACH

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us around your living Word,
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst.*

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

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.

Today's Opening hymn by Charles Wesley derives its opening line from a conversation Wesley had with one of his Moravian friends, Peter Böhler, who is quoted as saying, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise him with them all." Wesley's version is certainly more singable! The name of the hymn tune, AZMON, by the German composer Carl Gläser is an example of Gläser's inclination to use fairly obscure Biblical locations for tune names. Azmon appears in Joshua 4 and Numbers 34.

✦ HYMN No. 610

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

AZMON

For the younger ones among us:

Before we hear the Bible readings and the sermon, we pray the Prayer for Illumination. We believe that the work of the Holy Spirit brings the words we read, hear and say to life. The Prayer for Illumination reminds us that the Bible was written long ago, but it speaks to us today.

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 Makhan. 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 Belhar confession was written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church as a theological challenge to South African apartheid. The 219th General Assembly of the PC(USA) recommended to the presbyteries its inclusion as the first confession from the southern hemisphere to join the current Euro-centric 16th, 17th, and 20th century confessions in our Book of Confessions. As of this summer's General Assembly meeting it has now been accepted by the requisite number of presbyteries and reconfirmed by General Assembly.

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE BACON

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive. . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

SINGAPURA

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

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

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

PAUL VASILE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:1-10

PAGE 14, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

LUKE 10:38-42

PAGE 67, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

ONLY ONE THING

SALLY ANN MCKINSEY SISK

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN NO. 814

IN GOD ALONE

MON ÂME SE REPOSE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM *THE BELHAR CONFESSION*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe

*that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought*

We believe

*that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity*

We believe

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute,
the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and
gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows
and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

JULIA WATKINS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY ARIOSO FROM CANTATA 156

J.S. BACH

KRISTEEN SORRELLS, VIOLA

✦ 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. 182

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

KINGSFOLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 610, STANZA 5

AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO SPIRITUOSO IN B FLAT MAJOR

FRANK BRIDGE

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.

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."

Thy British hymn tune KINGSFOLD is named for a village north of Horsham, Sussex. The brilliant English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams was famous for identifying popular folk melodies and harmonizing them in hymn arrangements. The same hymn tune also appears in our hymnal as STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, in reference to a county in Ireland, and is the hymn tune for *Canticle of the Turniing*.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Steve Bacon, Anna George Traynham, and Julia Watkins.

Our lector today is David York.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may also subscribe to podcasts at that site.

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THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, July 17

Youth Depart for Montreat Youth Conf.
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

Monday, July 18

No events scheduled

Tuesday, July 19

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, July 20

No events scheduled

Thursday, July 21

No events scheduled

Friday, July 22

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 23

Youth return from Montreat Youth Conf.

Sunday, July 24

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
Molly McGinnis preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Celebration for
Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk!

WELCOME VISITORS

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** immediately after worship.

SUMMER FUN WITH THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

It may be the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer for the rest of Central Presbyterian, but the Event Committee has been working hard to bring you a slam bang group of events for your summer enjoyment. An **Evening at the Callanwolde Jazz on the Lawn**, Friday, July 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Spend an evening under the stars listening to the great Jazz sounds of Diane Durrett, winner of the Atlanta Blues Festival Award. Come early and bring your own picnic and chairs/blanket event as we will be picnicking and enjoying the show on the lawn. Cost is \$20 in advance/\$25 at the gate. Click here to sign up so that we know you are joining us. Please buy your own tickets at www.callanwolde.org/event/jazz-on-the-lawn in advance, or if you choose, at the gate.



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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 24 will be John Senior. The topic will be *A Politics of Gratitude*.

SALLY ANN'S LAST SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, July 24, will be the last Sunday for Resident Pastor Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk. A reception in her honor will follow worship during our Fellowship Lunch.