



Healing of Ten Lepers
JESUS MAFA

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY GOD WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST

(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 now, all who thirst
And drink the water of life.*

*Come now, all who hunger,
And be filled with good things.*

*Come now, all who seek a place called home,
And be warmed by the fire of love.*

KEITH THOMPSON

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.

Keith Thompson is a first-year student at Columbia Theological Seminary. He grew up in the Atlanta area, attended Davidson College, and served as a Young Adult Volunteer in the PCUSA before entering CTS. He is working with our youth on Sunday both in Kiva and in the evening gatherings, and is also singing in the Chancel Choir.

For the younger ones among us:

Have you learned to say “thank you” when someone gives you something or does something nice for you? When Pastor David’s children were seven or eight years old, sometimes they would forget to say “thank you”. Then he or Mrs. Cozad would remind them, “Now, what do you say?” But they didn’t like being reminded that they had forgotten—so instead of saying “thank you”, they would say, “You’re welcome!”

God loves it when we say thank you for what God has done for us. God doesn’t *need* to be thanked, but God knows that it is good for you and me to be grateful. We are happier and wiser when we think about all of the good things that have come to us.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

SANDRA McDONALD

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!
We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin.
Yet you see us and cleanse us and make us whole.
Forgive us when we forget to return to you -
Have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
And help us to exude the faith that makes us well . . .

(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. 587

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

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

PAGE 750, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

IF I FORGET, YET GOD REMEMBERS

DANIEL PEDERSON

CHANCEL CHOIR

If I forget, yet God remembers.
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging.
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly that I cannot fall:
And if sometimes I am too tired to call
For God to help me, then God reads the prayer
Unspoken in my heart, and lifts my care.

SECOND READING

LUKE 17:11-19

PAGE 76, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITING THANK YOU NOTES

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 351

ALL WHO LOVE AND SERVE YOUR CITY

CHARLESTOWN

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

GRATITUDE, HOSPITALITY, AND GENEROSITY

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

ARR. BRIAN CHILDERS

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 240, REFRAIN, STANZA 4, AND REFRAIN

ALLELUIA No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 39

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

THE PEACE OF THE EARTH

GUATEMALA

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ROBERT WETZLER



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Anna George Traynham, Sandra McDonald, and Keith Thompson.

Our lector today is Tom Banyai.

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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 Anna George Traynham at atraynham@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

Join us for a CONGREGATIONAL GIVING POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

At the home of John & Ginger Heidbreder (North of Atlanta)
OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 12:30-2 p.m.

In the Atrium of Central Presbyterian Church

(* \$8 catered lunch with childcare provided)

Please RSVP to Ginger Heidbreder, heidbreder@bellsouth.net, 770-551-0241

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Susan Landrum ▪ Hugh Landrum,
co-captains ▪ Carolyn Porter
Mike Sizemore ▪ Rudy Massengill
Kathy McCloud ▪ Terry Tusher
Shelley Parnes

Greeters

Shirley Landrum
Roland Kinser ▪ Deanna Robbins

Deacons of the Day

Juliana Winters ▪ Marcia Hunter

Sound Engineer

Kim McNair

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Carol McCullough Messer

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Cook-Byers Family
Sarah, Kevin, Sam & David

Bell Ringer

Tusher Family

Choir Guild

Doris Beachy

DELIGHT!

Join us and Emory Professor Emeritus Don Saliers on **Tuesday, October 18**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Kisla and Leslie Pope for the first small-group session on the Theology of Play, part of our new Vital Worship grant from the Calvin Institute of Worship. Don will talk about the second chapter of his book, *Worship Comes to Its Senses*, which, as you might have guessed, is about "delight." The evening will include a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please RSVP to smcdonald@cpcatlanta.org so we can plan appropriately for refreshments.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, October 9

12:00 p.m. Depart for PRIDE Parade
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

Monday, October 10

No events scheduled

Tuesday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Worship Staff
1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers
6:00 p.m. Music & Liturgical Arts Mtg.
Borst Home

Wednesday, October 12

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 13

12:00 p.m. Local Mission Meeting

Friday, October 14

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 15

6:30 p.m. Congregational Giving
Dinner
Heidbreder Home

Sunday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 p.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:00 a.m. Called Session Meeting
9:15 a.m. Council of Ministries
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. Kiva
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Molly McGinnis preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Congregational Giving
Lunch Gathering
Atrium

