GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY  _Adagio_ (Var. IX from _Enigma Variations_)  
Edward Elgar, arr. Kenneth Jennings  
(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

CHORAL INTROIT  
_Sing Out with Joy_  
Mark Patterson  
Nazareth Choir; Rachel Stewart, Director; Rick Wornat, Accompanist  
Sing out with joy, sing out with joy! Christ the Lord is risen!  
Sing out with joy, sing out with joy! Jesus is alive!  
Clap your hands, shout for joy! People lift your voice and sing;  
now he lives forevermore. Christ has won the victory!  
Sing alleluia; he is risen indeed.

◊OPENING SENTENCES  
Molly McGinnis  
*Have you heard the news the women brought?*
*The tomb is empty. Christ is Risen!*
*Have you heard the story Peter told?*
*The tomb is empty. Christ is Risen!*
*As we worship, we watch for the Risen Christ appearing as a stranger among us.*
*Let us journey the road of faith together, ready for God to surprise us once more.*
*The tomb is empty. Christ is Risen!*
*Alleluia! Amen!*

_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._

_Supper at Emmaus_  
Stained glass window in Jesus Church, Troutbeck, England  
Ford Madox Brown, designer  
This is a tiny but thriving church built in 1736 in the far northwest of England, almost in Scotland. This panel is in the lower right hand corner of the large stained glass window at the back of the chancel.
For the younger ones among us:
Two weeks ago, we told the Easter story: the day that Jesus rose from the dead, showing us that God’s love is more powerful than any evil. Today, we will tell another Easter story about what happened after Jesus rose. In today’s story, Jesus appears to two disciples on a road, but they do not recognize him until much later! Draw a picture of yourself walking on a road. Who is walking with you? Where are you going? What would you do if Jesus appeared to YOU?

HYMN No. 242
**DAY OF DELIGHT AND BEAUTY UNBOUNDED**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger, the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.
Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories that we forget the truth of the Easter story.
Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act; quick to speak and slow to listen; quick to fear and slow to care.
Break into our lives, God of surprises, and grant us the faith to recognize you . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

HYMN No. 246, STANZA 5
**TRURO**

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING
ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

SECOND READING
LUKE 24:13-35

ANTHEM
**STAY WITH US**
CHANCEL CHOIR

SERMON
**ALMOST MISSED IT**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN No. 510
**WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS’ NAME**

COME, SHARE THE LORD
**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
*Adapted from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Version*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. Christ’s human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. In the power of the risen Christ the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

To the Ministry of Ruling Elder, Class of 2020: Maria Baez, George Brown, Sarah Cook, Gary Cornell, Erin Gerber, Jo McMurtrie, Meridith Rentz, Chris Sciarrone, Paul Zwier

To the Ministry of Deacon, Class of 2020: Kimberly Amos, Matt Baum, Karen Beaty, Susan Landrum, Fiona Moore-Keish, Kristeen Sorrells

Statement on Ordination and Installation  
Constitutional Questions  
Prayer of Ordination  
Declaration of Ordination and Installation  
Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed Ruling Elders and Deacons  
Welcome

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
David Cozad

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*Revelation Ringers*

**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!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**HYMN No. 253**  
*Alleluia! Christ is ARISEN*  
*Santo Domingo*

*(Choir will sing stanza 1. Please join on the remaining stanzas.)*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
*HYMN No. 500, STANZA 1*  
*St. Flavian*

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**  
*In Dir Ist Freude*  
*J. S. Bach*
**Worship Notes and Announcements**

Our **liturgists today** are David Cozad, Michelle Hwang, and Molly McGinnis.
Our **lector today** is Tina Sizemore.
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David A. VanderMeer          Pastor Emeritus
Vicki Fey                    Organist
Michael Morgan              Organist Emeritus

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**Members in Preparation for Ordination**
**As Teaching Elders**
Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

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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 David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

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**Those Serving During Worship Today**

**Ushers**
Beth Grashof, captain

**Greeters**
Ann Bryan • John Bryan
Carol McCullough • David Messer

**Sound Engineer**
Dean Hammond

**Counters**
Kevin Byers • Tom Holcomb

**Bell Ringer**
Byers Family

**Choir Guild**
Beth Gustafson

**Collectors of Friendship Pads**
The Pittman Family
Laura, Annie, and Sam

**Deacons of the Day**
Vanessa Hunter • Martha Kimes

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**Taizé Prayer Service**
*a service of songs, scripture, silence, and prayer*  
*meditation, prayer, and candles*
Including a Service of Wholeness and Healing with the Cancer Ministry and Deacons
Tuesday, May 4, 2017
Labyrinth open—6:00 p.m.
Rand Chapel - 7:00 p.m.

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**This Week at Central**

**Sunday, April 30**
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:30 p.m. Town Hall Survey Report
5:00 p.m. Elementary Parent’s Potluck
6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout

**Monday, May 1**
No events scheduled

**Tuesday, May 2**
10:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers
6:00 p.m. Labyrinth
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

**Wednesday, May 3**
5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, May 4**
6:00 p.m. OAC Central Artworks
Blue Mark Studios

**Friday, May 5**
No events scheduled

**Saturday, May 6**
11:00 a.m. Deacons’ Barbeque
Smallley-Young Home

**Sunday, May 7**
9:00 a.m. Children’s Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord’s Day
David Cozad preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Block Party

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