

JULY 16, 2017 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cucumber on the Vine
Anna George Traynham, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME* ARR. DAVID MAXWELL
(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

*Listen, O people, for the word of God,
Giving seed to the sower and bread to the hungry.
Listen, O people, for the word of God,
Growing trees in the desert and fruit in the wilderness.
Listen O people, for the word of God,
Planting faith in the weary and hope in the desperate.
Listen O people, for the word of God,
And worship God with gladness.*

MICHELLE HWANG

✦ HYMN No. 714

GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS

ITALIAN HYMN

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.

The opening voluntary was chosen to acknowledge the choir's upcoming trip to Scotland and is based on the tune KELVINGROVE, a traditional Scottish melody. It is most often used with a text (*The Summons*) by John Bell, written to go with this tune after his acceptance into the Iona Community in 1980. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow houses one of Europe's great art collections. It is one of the top visitor attractions in Scotland. At 1:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday, a thirty-minute organ recital is presented on the Kelvingrove Organ, over 100 years old. Each of these recitals begins with a playing of the tune KELVINGROVE.

For the younger ones among us:

Have you ever planted a seed? Seeds take lots of care to grow. They need sunlight, water, and protection. The scriptures today tell us that *faith* needs care to grow, too! With our church family, we grow our faith by caring for each other, studying the Bible, and praying. Look for words about seeds, plants, and soil in the bulletin and hymns today.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the maker of all things good,
Have mercy upon your creation.
We gather on Sundays to nourish our faith,
But we find the seeds scorched in the light of Monday morning.
We want to bear fruits of compassion and kindness,
But we fall into selfish habits,
and our discipleship withers.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Shower us with your grace, and free us to try again . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 649, STANZA 3

AMAZING GRACE

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:6-13

PAGE 702, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

PAGE 13, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

COMMON GROUND

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 731

GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM

REPTON

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We believe that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

KEITH THOMPSON

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

We refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

We refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war,
that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.
We believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,
a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.
The foundation of this way is love.
We believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.
We believe that what self-centered people have torn down,
other-centered people can build up.
By the goodness of God at work within people,
we believe that brokenness can be healed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY THE MUSIC OF LIVING CHORAL ENSEMBLE

DAN FORREST

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely, teach me to sing the words to your song.
I want to feel the music of living; and not fear the sad songs,
but make them new songs, composed of both laughter and tears.
Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely, teach me to dance to the sounds of your world.
I want to move in the rhythm of your plan. Help me to follow your leading,
To risk even falling, rise and keep trying, for you are leading the dance.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 712, STANZA 1

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field,
To God the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 531 SEED, SCATTERED, AND SOWN

SEED SCATTERED

(Choir will sing the verses - please join in singing the refrain as directed.)

COMMISSIONING OF SCOTLAND REFORMATION CHOIR TRIP

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY FANFARE ON ITALIAN HYMN

DAVID CHERWIEN

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.

The Chancel Choir of Central Presbyterian Church is one of seven choirs across the United States who have been invited to participate in The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (President-Elect David VanderMeer!) Presbyterian Heritage Choir Tour to Scotland celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Our trip is from July 29 - August 6, 2017. The trip will begin in Glasgow and end in Edinburgh with visits to Stirling and St. Andrews, key places of early leaders in the Scottish Reformation. The choirs will participate in an evening of congregational singing to be led by John Bell. Our individual choir will offer a concert at St. Giles Cathedral, followed by a massed choir Choral Festival in Edinburgh on August 5.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang and Keith Thompson.

Our lector today is Chip Blankinship.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org. You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
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The Heidbreder Family:
Ginger & Russell
The Lewis Amos Family:
Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth
Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Tom Banyai

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, July 16

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
12:30 p.m. Scotland Choir Rehearsal

Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Central Men

Tuesday, July 18

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 19

No events scheduled

Thursday, July 20

No events scheduled

Friday, July 21

No events scheduled

Saturday, July 22

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 23

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

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!

SUMMER STUDIES 2017:

The Martin Luther Quincentenary 500 Years of Reformations

Sunday, July 23 | 9:45 a.m.

Ximena Leroux

Doctoral Student

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Emory University

Martin Luther Made Us Workaholics

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

The transition team is scheduling a monthly series of congregational forums to keep our members up to date on the status in the process of identifying a new pastor for Central. The first of these is two weeks from today, on July 30 immediately after worship. It will be an opportunity to meet the Pastor Nominating Committee and learn about the process, and about why each of the committee members has chosen to serve in this way.



September 2-4, 2017
All Church **RETREAT**
OUR NEIGHBORS, OURSELVES

Matthew 22:34-40

Register on line at www.cpcatlanta.org