

AUGUST 6, 2017 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jacob Wrestling with the Angel
Marc Chagall

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BE THOU MY VISION

ARR. HAL HOPSON

ERIC NELSON, GUEST ORGANIST

(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, all who have walked alone,
And join in holy community.
Come, all who have wrestled,
And have your weariness wiped away.
Come, all who have been struck down,
And be lifted up.*

MICHELLE HWANG

✦ HYMN No. 509

ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

HOLY MANNA

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.

Lectionary Texts for today:

Genesis 22:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

For the younger ones among us:

In today's Old Testament reading, Jacob wrestles with a man of God. Like wrestling a person, we can also wrestle with ideas and questions. Sometimes it can be good to wrestle with questions we have and try to figure out how something works or why stuff happens. But we can't always figure out the answer, and that's ok.

Our organist this morning, Eric Nelson, is well-known in Atlanta as the Artistic Director of the Atlanta Master Chorale, choral professor at Emory University and as the composer of many sacred anthems. He is a long-time friend of Central's music staff, and they have served together twice at the Worship and Music Conferences at Montreat. Eric is delighted to be substituting for Vicki Fey this morning, and is enjoying the opportunity to be on the organ bench instead of the conductor's podium.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we try to stand firm on our own, that we do not seek your aid like we should. We get tired from constant wrestling, and sometimes it is easier to give up than to go on. We know that through you we might be filled with life, but we are determined to continue by ourselves. Grant us the grace to see our weaknesses. Help us to see that by following you we will be nourished and loved. Forgive us, God, and help us to grow into your calling for us . . .

(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. 475, STANZA 1

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

PAGE 18, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 14:13-21

PAGE 14, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

KEITH THOMPSON

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 517

HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU

MORECAMBE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY CONCERTO FOR OBOE, INTRODUZIONE & ALLEGRO

DOMENICO CIMAROSA

REBECCA COLLINS TESTERMAN, OBOE

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.

If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION CONCERTO FOR OBOE, SICILIANO

DOMENICO CIMAROSA

REBECCA COLLINS TESTERMAN, OBOE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 833

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO

ST. MARGARET

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 748

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day;

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

MORNING HAS BROKEN

ARR. DALE WOOD

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.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang and Anna George Traynham

Our lector today is Michael Lloyd.

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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!

TRAVELING MERCIES

FOR THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Many members of the Chancel Choir are a part of a group of over 140 singers from several congregations across the United States who were invited to participate in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Heritage Choir Tour to Scotland in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The choir will return later today.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain
Brian Bishop ▪ Lee Ebeling
Em McNair ▪ Ben Evans
Keith Pascoe ▪ Jeff Figueroa

Greeters

Ann Bryan ▪ John Bryan
Carol McCullough ▪ David Messer

Sound Engineer

Dean Hammond

Counters

Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb

Bell Ringer

Cal Engstrom

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Bliss Family
Melanie, Jason, Ally, and Tyler
Trudy Loper and Carys Barr

Deacons of the Day

Paul Greene ▪ Kristeen Sorrells

SUMMER STUDIES 2017:

The Martin Luther Quincentenary 500 Years of Reformations

Sunday, August 13 | 9:45 a.m.

Haruko Ward

Women Reformers

ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

Choir Camp is Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19, at the Harrington Center of Columbia Theological Seminary. Contact David VanderMeer for more information: dvandermeer@cpcatlanta.org

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 6

Choir returns from Scotland

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Global Mission Committee

Monday, August 7

No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 8

10:00 a.m. All-Staff Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

No events scheduled

Thursday, August 10

No events scheduled

Friday, August 11

No events scheduled

Saturday, August 12

11:00 a.m. Children's Pool Party

Sunday, August 13

9:15 a.m. Called Session Meeting

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
for Children and Adults

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. Haiti Presentation

YOUTH MISSION TRIP REPORT

Join us in Tull Hall Sunday, August 27, at lunch, for the reporting session from those who went on the Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala



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

Matthew 22:34-40

Register on line at www.cpcatlanta.org