



The Story of Joseph
John August Swanson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY ALLEGRO FROM SONATA NO. 5

ANTONIO VIVALDI

KRISTEEN SORRELLS, VIOLA, AND VICKI FEY, PIANO

(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

FROM PSALM 133
ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

How very good and pleasant it is when God's children dwell together in unity!
It is like precious oil anointed on our heads, running down over our collars.
It is like the morning dew, falling on sacred mountains,
Where God's greatest blessing is ordained: life eternal.

✦ HYMN No. 399

GOD WELCOMES ALL
DANIEL OTU, DJEMBE

THEMBA 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.

Lectionary Texts for today:
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

For the younger ones among us:

Almost every Sunday we read or sing the psalm for that week. Thousands of years ago, the Hebrew people also sang psalms as a part of their worship, and when Jesus worshiped in the temple he sang psalms. Today we said part of Psalm 133 in our opening sentences, and the choir will sing a part of Psalm 133 in the Hebrew language. The English words are written right below the Hebrew words in this bulletin so you will know what the Hebrew words mean.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

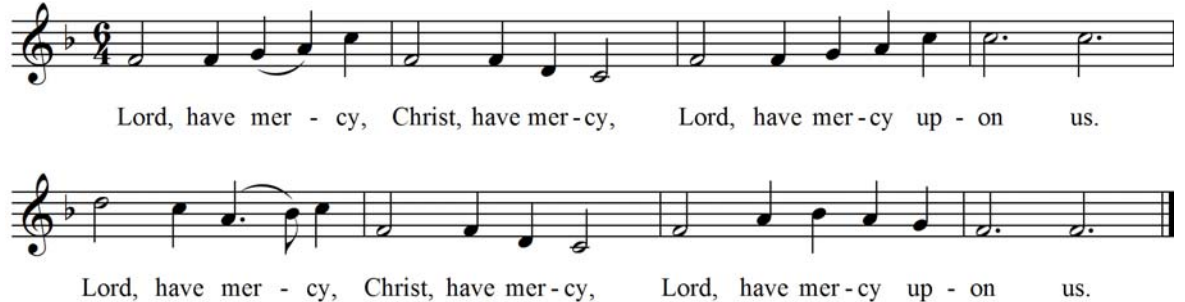
✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord, for we cannot see beyond the next day, the next election, the next business cycle, the smallest slight to our feelings. When life disappoints us, when we feel disrespected, it is as if the creation itself has turned against us. Lacking in vision, hope departs us, and we look for someone to blame. But you, O Lord, continue to renew our horizons. Your dreams for us are never exhausted. Teach us to trust in the future you have ordained in Jesus Christ, and never to give up hope . . .

(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. 398

HOW VERY GOOD

(Please sing twice.)

How very good and pleasant when we live in unity. It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew. We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to God, who's the center of our unity and praise.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Sung)*

HYMN NO. 455 LISTEN TO THE WORD THAT GOD HATH SPOKEN

LISTEN

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 42:1-8

PAGE 39, OT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER

HINE MAH TOV (PSALM 133)

SIMON SARGON

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

Hine mah tov u mah naim, shevet achim gam ychad.

Behold how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together.

SECOND READING

GENESIS 45:1-15

PAGE 43, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IT WAS NOT YOU WHO SENT ME HERE, BUT GOD

DAVID COZAD

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 250

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

PROMISE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

MICHELLE HWANG

God keeps God's promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept God's promises.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

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 *BEHOLD NOW, PRAISE THE LORD*

EVERETT TITCOMB

CHANCEL CHOIR

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

✦ 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. 546

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

SICILIAN MARINERS

✦ 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

BOUREE I AND BOUREE II

J. S. BACH

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 Mark Borst

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Vicki Fey	Organist
Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
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Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth
Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Tom Banyai

Choir Guild

Ann Hunter

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 20

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Congregational Forum

Monday, August 21

No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Program Staff
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, August 23

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 24

No events scheduled

Friday, August 25

No events scheduled

Saturday, August 26

No events scheduled

Sunday, August 27

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, August 27 | 9:45 a.m.

David VanderMeer

David VanderMeer is Minister of Music
and Fine Arts at Central

Music of the Reformation

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

The transition team has scheduled 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 second of these is today, immediately after worship.

2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR

KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

MINISTRY FAIR

INTRODUCTION TO
FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Continental Breakfast
beginning at 9:00 a.m.



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

Matthew 22:34-40

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