



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *HARK! I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL* ARR. GILBERT MARTIN
(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

Our help is in the name of God, maker of heaven and earth.
God is at work in our lives.
We present ourselves to God;
To be transformed by the renewing of our minds
Let us seek what is good and acceptable in God's sight.

FROM PSALM 133
DAVID COZAD

✦ HYMN NO. 15 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Today's Opening Voluntary is an arrangement of a shaped-note tune most often sung to the lyrics "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal." No biographical information exists about the author of the text, F. R. Warren, but the most famous choral arrangement is by Alice Parker. The tune and lyrics appeared in William Hauser's 1878 shape note book, *Olive Leaf*. Members of the Scotland Reformation Choir sang Alice Parker's arrangement as part of all three concerts in Scotland recently.

For the younger ones among us:

Today we are talking about two brave women—Shiphrah and Puah. They were considered by many as “nobodies” because they did not have a lot of money or power. But they presented all of themselves to God and God gave them the courage to say no to a very powerful king. This king said bad things would happen to Shiphrah and Puah if they did not go along. But Shiphrah and Puah did not follow him because they knew what was the right thing to do—what God wanted them to do.

Lectionary Texts for today:
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, awaken us this day to our indifference to those around us. Forgive us when we have been fickle about our faith, proclaiming and then opting out of the real work you call us to do. Give us courage, O God and bring us closer to you . . .

(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

PSALM 124

PAGE 583, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

EXODUS 1:8-22

PAGE 49, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

MICHELLE HWANG

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 5

GOD, THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION

We believe

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ADAPTED BY LYN SEILS ROBERTSON

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,
Our Creator, you are all around us and within us.
Hallowed be thy name.
We praise you with many different names.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.
Help us live as we understand we should from knowing you
in harmony and connectedness with each other,
on earth as it is in heaven.
With all creatures of the earth, and with the earth and the universe itself.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Help us to use your resources wisely so that we might be sustained.
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Help us take responsibility when we fail to live harmoniously,
And help us understand and forgive when others let us down.
And lead us not into temptation,
Let us know you well enough that we are not tempted to live outside of your love.
but deliver us from evil,
and empower us to work together to overcome evil.
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
We believe that you created the world
and that you will be all around us and within us forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING* MACK WILBERG
CHANCEL CHOIR
(See text at Hymn No. 475)

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 709 ABUNDANT BLESSINGS
God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 697 TAKE MY LIFE HENDON

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 765 ARGENTINA

CLOSING VOLUNTARY COME, THOU FOUNT WILBUR HELD

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 David Cozad and Anna George Traynham.

Our lector today is Maria Baez.

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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Sarah Paulsen
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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!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain
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Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
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Doris Beachy ▪ Max Gallman
Stephen Smith

Choir Guild

Dot Phillips

Next Sunday many of our members will be away at the All-Church Retreat in Montreat, North Carolina. Therefore, worship will be in Rand Chapel. There is no Sunday School, and no Fellowship Lunch after worship. We return to our normal schedule on Sunday, September 10, with our Program Year Kick-Off and Ministry Fair.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 27

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

Monday, August 28

No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

No events scheduled

Friday, September 1

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 2

All Church Retreat begins
Montreat, North Carolina

Sunday, September 3 - Rand Chapel

11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, September 4

Church Offices Closed
All Church Retreat Ends

2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR

KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

MINISTRY FAIR

INTRODUCTION TO FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Ministry Fair begins
9:45 a.m. Introduce Adult Education Offerings and
Sunday School Teachers
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Lunch and Ministry Fair continues
12:30 p.m. Raffle



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

Matthew 22:34-40

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