



The Good Shepherd
found in the Catacomb of Callixtus -
The Catacomb of Callixtus was built along the Appian Way, probably by Pope Calixtus in the early third century. This art is dated c.250.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD* CATHY MOKLEBUST
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR AND ADELAIDE FEDERICI, VIOLIN
(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

✠ **OPENING SENTENCES** LAURA CHEIFETZ
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
The stone that the builders rejected
Is now the cornerstone
Let us worship God!

✠ **HYMN** No. 463 *HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION* FOUNDATION

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 was commissioned for our 150th Anniversary in 2008 for the Geneva Handbell Choir, and has been subsequently published by Chorister's Guild.

Lectionary Texts for today:
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 4:7-21
John 10:1-11

For the younger ones among us:

In today's sermon text, we find Peter reminding the leaders who rejected Jesus that Jesus can bring about wholeness. We know that Jesus can do this for us today when we wonder if we are good enough. Jesus always says, "YES!" We are wonderfully made in God's image.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THOM SHUMAN

You long to fill us with your comfort and peace, Holy God,
but we continue to take on more anxiety, more worry, more fear.
You would comfort us in the gentleness of your hope,
but we welcome the embrace of a world spinning more and more out of control.
You would feed us with more than we need,
but we continue to hunger for the sweet sensations offered to us by temptation.
You keep your promises and offer us forgiveness and mercy all the days of our life.
May we keep our eyes focused on the path you have shaped for us;
may we listen to the call of the Good Shepherd who leads us into your joy,
that kingdom prepared for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Christ, _____
_____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 610, STANZA 2

AZMON

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, bring life, and health, and peace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

PSALM 23

BOBBY MCFERRIN

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows beside the still waters she will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.
Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.
She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes, She anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows.
Surely, goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will live in her house for ever, forever and ever.
Glory be to our Mother and Daughter and to the holy of holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE

ACTS 4:5-12

PAGE 114, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

OWN IT

MICHELLE HWANG

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

Bobby McFerrin's note in this anthem says that he wrote this feminine version of the 23rd Psalm for those who felt excluded by the patriarchal aspects of the Bible...and regardless of gender language, the beauty of this Psalm is in the worship and in the music.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 822

WHEN WE ARE LIVING

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

DAVID COZAD

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please see text in margin note.)*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD*

ALLEN POTE

JERUSALEM AND CHANCEL CHOIRS

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want,
My shepherd makes me lie in field of green, leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely, goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

✦ 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. 231

CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS

SUO GAN

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 610, STANZA 5

AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother, Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and 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.

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Anna George Traynham and Laura Cheifetz.

We thank Brent Ivey for serving as organist today, and Rachel Stewart for directing the Chancel Choir while Vicki Fey is on vacation and David VanderMeer is on sabbatical.

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, April 22

12:15 p.m.	Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch
4:50 p.m.	Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 23

2:00 p.m.	All Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 24

No events scheduled

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

No events scheduled

Friday, April 27

No events scheduled

Saturday, April 28

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 29

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.	Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch
4:50 p.m.	Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

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 Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!