

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WORD AND SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 20, 2018 | DAY OF PENTECOST

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Spiritus
Ann Bryan, Central member

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME* ARR. WILBUR HELD

(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

*The winds of the Spirit are starting to move!
The dry bones are beginning to rattle!
Be ready to be amazed and astonished,
For God's presence will fill this house of worship.
The Spirit is here, speaking to us and through us,
Drawing us into God's praise.*

MICHELLE HWANG

✦ HYMN No. 280

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

EBENEZER

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.

Celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, Pentecost (from Greek word for "50th day") commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which occurred at the end of the Jewish harvest season during a festival in Jerusalem, after Jesus' ascension. On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church: the Spirit draws us together in one body, helps us to see what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to respond in word and deed to God's plan to reconcile all creation in the name of Christ.

For the younger ones among us:

Today is Pentecost, when we celebrate that God sent the Holy Spirit to the church. The Holy Spirit is God with us every day, guiding us and spreading love in the world.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have heard your Pentecost story:
your Spirit is here, your church is born, and the day of the Lord is coming.
You have gathered all people together in your Spirit, and you have brought life to all valleys of death.
Still, O Lord, we cannot trust, for we fear our bones are beyond repair.
Still, O Lord, we turn away, for we fear our hope is lost.
Still, O Lord, we imagine isolation, for we fear we are cut off from your presence.
Forgive us, Holy One. As you did for your first church, breathe the fire of life into us.
As you did for your prophet Ezekiel, reveal to us your life-giving presence . . .
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

PARDINI

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

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

FILL-A ME UP

PEPPER CHOPLIN

JERUSALEM CHOIR; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; KAREN BROWN ACCOMPANIST; HARRY SUAZO, BARITONE

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up to the top of my soul,
fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up now and take control.
So many things try to fill me up, so many things try to weigh me down.
Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away.
Fill-a my heart, come, Spirit.
Now my heart is an open door. Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord.
Fill-a my heart now and let it grow, and change my life so all will know.
Come, O Spirit, come. Fill-a me up!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

PAGE 112, NT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

HYMN OF FIRE

EUGENE BUTLER

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with thy fire;
While the earth resists thy burning, with thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame.
Baptize with thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame!
Thou who in thy holy purpose will that we should truly live.
Grant us grace to be thy servants, our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.
Stretch the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life.
Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace,
By thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency, release!
Save us from our satisfaction when we finally are free,
Yet are undisturbed in spirit by each other's misery!
Crown our lives with tongues of flame!

The Origami art installation *Tongues of Fire* was created in 2013 for Pentecost by Dave VanderMeer as a project in his *Worship and the Arts* class while at Columbia Theological Seminary.

SERMON

SPLASHES OF THE SPIRIT

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 292

AS THE WIND SONG

WAIKUA TAPU

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

PEALS OF PRAISE
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

MARGARET R. TUCKER

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN No. 289, STANZA 4

MUNICH

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
 Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
 O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
 So folk of every nation glad song of joy shall raise.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

DAVID COZAD

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 AND ANOINTING

(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.
Grape juice is offered in the silver chalices, wine in the crystal.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

HAROLD FRIEDEL

CHANCEL CHOIR (See text at Hymn 529)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 66

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

PENTECOST

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 539, STANZA 1

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

We will go out with joy in the Spirit, we will go out with God.
 Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 We will go out with joy in the Spirit, we will go out with God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

LITANIES

JEHAN ALAIN

(Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.)

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 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.

The Closing Voluntary is by French composer Jehan Alain (1911-1940). The composer's inscription at the beginning of *Litanies* reads "When, in its distress, the Christian soul can find no more words to invoke God's mercy, it repeats endlessly the same litany for reason has reached its limit; only faith can take one further." The opening phrase of *Litanies* recurs throughout the piece, as a "litany" to the Holy Spirit. and one can imagine, not just the Christian soul seeking God's mercy, but tongues of fire raining down on us, the disciples of Christ!

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad and Michelle Hwang.

Our lector today is David York.

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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!



SUMMER STUDIES 2018

Beginning June 3

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
Karen Gravel ▪ Philip Covin
Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake
Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers
Jean Ellen Jones

Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes
Kathy Kohn ▪ Norm Kohn

Deacons of the Day

Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

Counters

Craig Knight ▪ John Heidbreder
Chris Sciarone

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:
Ginger & Russell
The Lewis Amos Family:
Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Bell Ringer

Doris Beachy

Choir Guild

Beth Gustafson

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, May 20

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
5:00 p.m. Youth End of Year Party
De La Rue home
5:00 p.m. Session Gathering
Lum Home

Monday, May 21

2:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 22

No events scheduled

Wednesday, May 23

No events scheduled

Thursday, May 24

No events scheduled

Friday, May 25

No events scheduled

Saturday, May 26

No events scheduled

Sunday, May 27

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
No fellowship lunch due to holiday.

Monday, May 28

Church Offices closed for Memorial Day



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Today is our last day of Sunday school for both children and youth. We will come back together Sunday, September 9 to kick-off the new church year.

Many thanks to all of our teachers for their love and dedication to our children and youth!