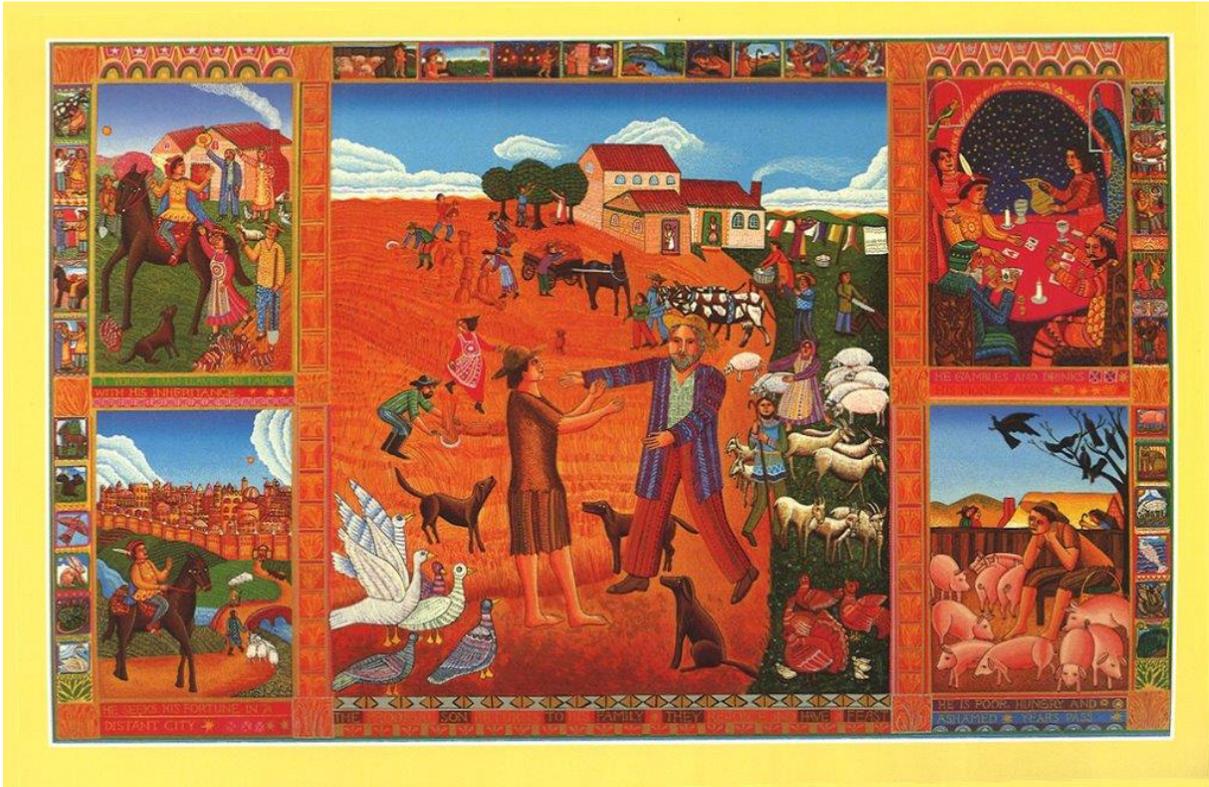


Central Presbyterian Church
Service of the Lord's Day: March 31, 2019
 Fourth Sunday in Lent



Prodigal Son by John August Swanson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

COMPASSION

Geneva Handbell Choir

Jason Krug

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anna George Traynham

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
 And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

† **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Come as you are, broken and burdened,
 and find healing in God's goodness.
 Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
 and find purpose in God's calling.
 Come as you are, weary and wary,
 and find comfort in God's embrace.
 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
 and worship God with gladness.*

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:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

† **HYMN No. 415** COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

RESTORATION

Children's Note:

Listen well to today's gospel story from Luke. It is about a father who loves his sons VERY much. When one of his sons comes home after running away, the father forgives him and throws a big party to welcome him home. God loves YOU so very much, too. God will always love you, no matter what, and God will always forgive you when you mess up.

We thank Berta Irwin for the design and creation of our Lenten banners, both here in the sanctuary and in the vestibule. She was ably assisted by Jan DeLong and Vicki Norman.

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Micah Nutter Dowling

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy,
 You create a new order for our lives:
 Service before success,
 Faith before knowledge,
 Partnership over independence,
 The cross over the crown.
 Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,
 Rejecting your call through our action or inaction.
 Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love.
 Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

† KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, ___ have ___ mer - cy on us. _____

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† RESPONSE: HYMN No. 440, STANZA 4

ABERYSTWYTH

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sins,
 Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
 Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 32

Page 512, OT, Pew Bible

ANTHEM

THE ROAD HOME

Stephen Paulus

Chancel Choir

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?
 All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know, there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
 through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song;
 there is no such beauty as where you belong: rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Page 73, NT, Pew Bible

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

† HYMN No. 418 *SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lenten Creed adapted from the Order of St. Columba

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to the glory of God we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

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

JESUS WALKED THIS
LONESOME VALLEY
Geneva Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

† AT THE PRESENTATION *ALL THANKS AND PRAISE WE OFFER* AURELIA

Text: David Gambrell

The gates of dusk and morning stand wide to praise your name;

They raise a shout of gladness and we should do the same.

All thanks and praise we offer; to you all gifts belong.

We join your whole creation in grateful, glorious song.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD† HYMN No. 774 *THERE IS NOW A NEW CREATION*

STUTT GART

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN No. 748

TALLIS' CANON

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way.

Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *RONDEAU* from *SINFONIES DE FANFARES*

Brent Ivey, Organist

Jean Joseph Mouret

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.

During the offering, take a moment 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.



This week at Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 31

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Alice Veldhuis
4:00 p.m. Officer Training
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
Druid Hills Presbyterian Parking Lot

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Taizé Service
Rand Chapel

Wednesday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4

No events scheduled.

Friday, April 5

No events scheduled.

Saturday, April 6

No events scheduled.

Sunday, April 7

9:45 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Trace Haythorn preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Global Mission Committee
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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Julianna Whitson Youth Coordinator

Members in preparation for ordination as Ministers of word and sacrament:

Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

Thanks to Those Serving During Today's Worship

Ushers: Beth Grashof (captain)

Greeters: Ann Bryan • John Bryan

Sound Engineer: Keith Pascoe

Bell Ringer: Lynne Rea

Collectors of Friendship Pads: Landrum Family

Deacons of the Day: Susan Landrum • Fiona Moore-Keish

Worship Notes and Announcements

Our liturgist today: Micah Nutter Dowling

Lector of the Day: Steve Fey

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found at www.cpcast.org.
You may find us on Facebook at "Central Presbyterian Church"

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Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14

9:45 a.m. Courtyard Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18

12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Rand Chapel
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Parish Dinners

Friday, April 19th

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Service
Rand Chapel
7:30 p.m. Combined Service
at Morningside PC

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

Welcome Visitors

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith. All visitors and newer members are invited to the Believing and Belonging class to explore what Presbyterians believe, how those beliefs inform our life at Central, and what it means to belong in today's world of competing interests. The next class is April 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. For more information, contact Anna at atraynham@cpcatlanta.org.