

# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Service for the Lord's Day

June 20, 2021; The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Tempest: Peace be Still; Jorge Cocco*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Steal Away*

Spiritual /arr. Phillip Keveren

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Phillip Keveren

*(As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Paulsen

### RINGING OF THE BELL

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world  
that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:9-11

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,**

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✠When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.

for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples**

HYMN NO. 432

*How Clear is Our Vocation Lord*

REPTON

(Please see Hymn Insert at the end of the Bulletin.)

✠CALL TO CONFESSION

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of peace and justice,**

**We confess how the fears we carry have led us to react in unkind and harmful ways towards you and one another.**

**We confess that the darkness we experience and witness during this storm has made us forget our faith in you and our love for each other.**

**We confess that we have questioned your grace and your power during this season of change.**

**Move us from fear to faith, we pray.**

**Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,**

**Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,**

**Open up the skies and pour out your grace on us like rain.**

**In the name of Jesus' Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen**

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

Response

Hymn No. 481, stanza 1

*Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

**Precious Lord, take my hand;**

**lead me on, help me stand;**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light;**

**take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Paulsen

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

Peter Paulsen

SERMON

Peter Paulsen

STILLNESS AND SILENCE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

*When at Night I Go to Sleep (Prayer)*

Engelbert Humperdinck

Jennifer Sengin, Soloist

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christian Antwi

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Antwi

**Our Parent, who is among us, holy is your name.  
May your reign be a reality here on earth.  
May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now  
Than in waiting for it to come down from above.  
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.  
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.  
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.  
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.  
We are yours. Amen.**

## Service of Ordination and Installation

**To the Ministry of Ruling Elder, Class of 2024:** Janet Abercrombie, Lewis Amos, Kelly Bray, Julie Boggs, Mary Sidney Harbert, Tom Holcomb, Ximena Leroux, Shelley Parnes

**To the Ministry of Deacon, Class of 2023:** Ben Evans

**To the Ministry of Deacon, Class of 2024:** Ed Carwile, Eleanor Dake, Rob Forbes, Emmalee Hackshaw, Zac Hilimire, Ben Sutton

**Statement on Ordination and Installation**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Prayer of Ordination**

**Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

**Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed Ruling Elders and Deacons**

**Welcome**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN NO. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

(Please see Hymn Insert at the end of the Bulletin.)

✠ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

*Siyahamba*

trad. South African/arr. Marianne Kim

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## Worship Notes and Announcements

We welcome CPC member Karen Brown as our pianist today while organist Vicki Fey is away at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Karen is also the accompanist for the Jerusalem Choir.

In keeping with our COVID-19 guidelines, we will not collect an offering in the usual manner. Rather, you may drop your check/money in the baskets located in the Narthex. We encourage you to give electronically through our secure portal at <https://onrealm.org/cpcatlanta/Give> OR by texting **CPCATLANTA** to **73256** followed by your gift amount.

**Bell Ringer:** Chris Sciarrone. If you would like to be on the list of ringers, send an email to Vicki Fey ([vfey@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:vfey@cpcatlanta.org)).

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## Worship Staff

Peter M. Paulsen, Bridge Interim Pastor

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission

P. C. (Buddy) Enniss, Pastor Emeritus

Jennifer Sengin, Interim Choral Director

Vicki Fey, Organist

Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus

Christian Antwi, Director, Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families

## Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire, Director of Communications

Dean Hammond, Volunteer Director of Technology

## Ushers

Beth Grashof, Captain; Sandy Hoke, Lee Ebeling, Charles Rooks, Jill Lum, and Kathy McCloud

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 A<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> Gm Cm A<sup>b</sup> Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 C Fm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'



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who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

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