



July 18, 2021  
8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'LANDSCAPE WITH SHEEP' BY ROBERT S. DUNCANSON

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Sing Praise to God

Barry L. Bobb

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

Welcome

Peter Paulsen

Ringling 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  
FROM PSALM 89

Peter Paulsen

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

**L:** I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**P: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

**L:** I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**P: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

**All: Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and Amen.**

Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

✠ Call to Confession

Jasiel H. Garcia

✠ Prayer of Confession

**God of joy, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.**

**Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives.  
Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings.  
Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.  
Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

**Free us from shame and self-doubt.**

**Help us to feel your love and see you at work in our midst, so that we may be empowered to act courageously and to speak from our wisdom.**

**Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of The Peace

Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## Proclaiming The Word

A Time with Children

Christian Antwi

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Jasiel H. Garcia

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Aisha Brooks-Johnson

Sermon

Think On These Things

Aisha Brooks-Johnson

Silence and Stillness



Affirmation of Faith

Christian Antwi

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE PCUSA

**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.**

## Responding to and Sending the word

Anthem

Thy Holy Wings  
Janet Abercrombie, soloist

TEXT: GRACIA GRINDAL;  
SWEDISH FOLK TUNE, ARR. JOHN FERGUSON

Prayers of The People

Christian Antwi

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come and your 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 all that is evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Benediction

Aisha Brooks-Johnson

Closing Voluntary

Intonation on Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Alfred V. Fedak

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## About our Guest Preacher

Central is happy to welcome The Reverend Aisha Brooks-Johnson as our guest preacher today. She serves as the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta serving 86 congregations and encouraging 26 new worshipping communities.

A native of Philadelphia, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Music from Temple University and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has worked in multiple roles at churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

She recently married the Rev. Dr. Alonzo T. Johnson who serves as the Coordinator for the Self Development of People for the Presbyterian Church, USA headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The painting on the front of this week's bulletin is, 'Landscape with Sheep,' by Robert Scott Duncanson. Duncanson was perhaps the most accomplished African-American painter in the United States during his time. By the 1860s the American press hailed him as the "best landscape painter in the West," while London newspapers touted his work as the equal to his British contemporaries.

# Participating in Worship Today

## Worship Staff

Aisha Brooks-Johnson, Guest Preacher

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

Janet Abercrombie, guest soloist

## Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire, Director of Communications

Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

John Cherok, Media Specialist

## Tower Bell Ringer

Lewis Amos

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

We will rebroadcast today's worship service this evening at 6 p.m. on the CPC website: [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org)

Please give generously to support Central's work and mission in this time of great need!

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## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.



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