



February 6, 2022  
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES,' BY AMANDA DINAN

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Flor Peeters

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

Welcome

Christian Antwi

Ring 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.*



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

✠ Call to Worship

Christian Antwi

We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

**to be God's servants in the service of all,**

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

**to join Christ in his passion and victory.**

"Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God."

**All who love are born of God and know God.**

**Let us worship God!**

✠ Hymn 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

✠ Call to Confession

Christian Antwi

✠ Prayer of Confession

**God, you first loved us. Before time was created, you named us and called us your own. We fail at loving you, loving our neighbors and loving ourselves. Perfect love casts out all fears, but it is that fear that drives us away from truly loving you and being loved by you. In our mundane, we seek reassurance and acceptance, but your grace is enough. May we run towards that gift that is freely and so readily given. May we have the courage to drop down our walls of hate, fear and self-righteousness and sit at the table you prepared for us and our neighbors. Love is the greatest of all things, and we at times forget the greatest commandment. May we love you, God, love our neighbor and love ourselves and hold on to this covenant strongly with all of our hearts, mind and soul.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 441, Stanza 2

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

**All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**

*For safety reasons, A Time With Children is not being offered during worship for today.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Robert Catterall

First Lesson

Psalm 147:1-11

Robert Catterall

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. John M. Semmes

Sermon

“A Brief Primer About God”

Rev. John M. Semmes

Silence and Stillness

## Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, soloist  
TEXT: HYMN 525

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Rev. John M. Semmes

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

TRADITIONAL VERSION

**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.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

*In light of the new current COVID measures established, the communion packets will not be given directly to the congregation during the service. Instead, there will be two baskets in the narthex following the worship service where you can pick up your communion packet and partake of it whenever you feel most comfortable and safe. Thank you for your understanding*

Prayer After Communion

Rev. John M. Semmes

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

 Hymn 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

 Benediction Rev. John M. Semmes

Closing Voluntary *Postlude on ELLACOMBE* Flor Peeters

*The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

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## Participating in Worship Today

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Tower Bell Ringer, Chris Sciarrone  
Lector, Robert Catterall  
Vocal Ensemble

### Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes, Interim Pastor and  
Head of Staff  
The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,  
Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission  
The Rev. P. C. (Buddy) Enniss, Pastor Emeritus  
Christian Antwi,  
Director, Ministries to Children, Youth, and  
Families  
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Interim Choral Director  
Vicki Fey, Organist/Music Associate  
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus

Thomas Dixon, Music Intern  
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

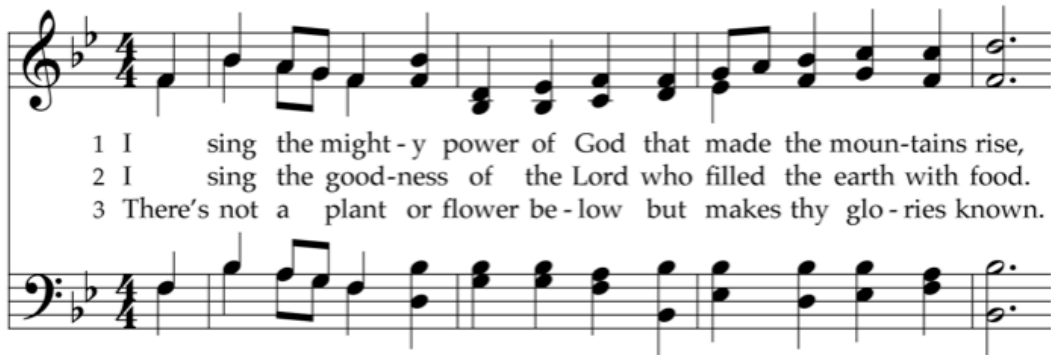
### Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire,  
Director of Communications  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director  
Sam Patton, Audio Engineer  
Kurt Vogel, A/V Assistant

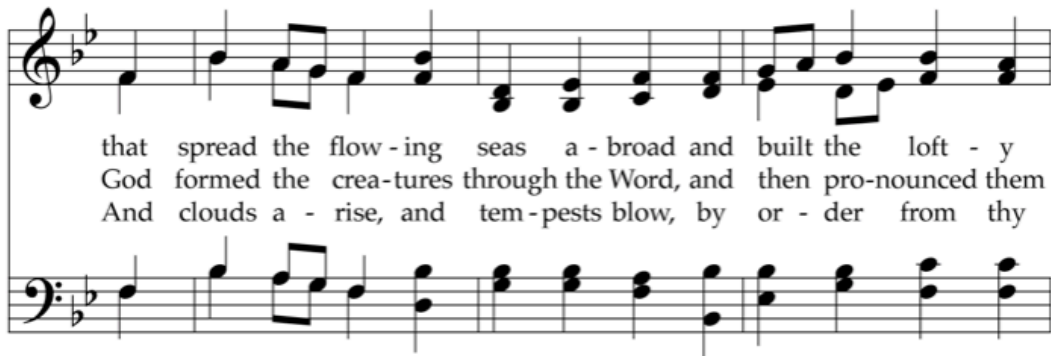
### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Em McNair  
Isabelle Werber  
Kevin Byers  
Martha Kimes  
Shelley Parnes

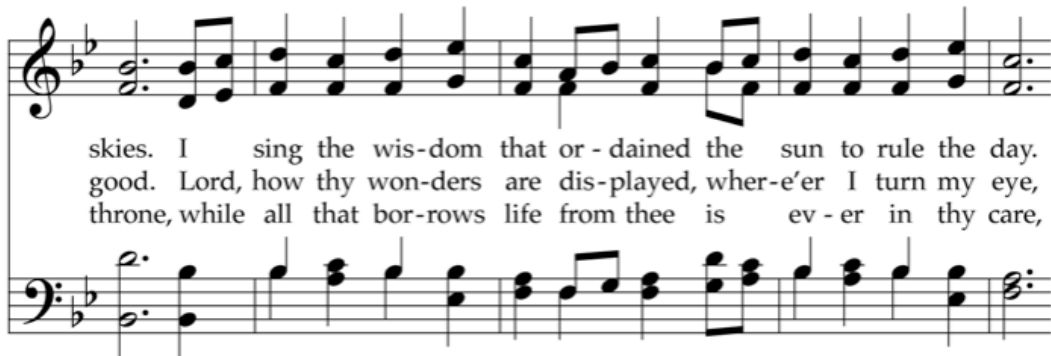
# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



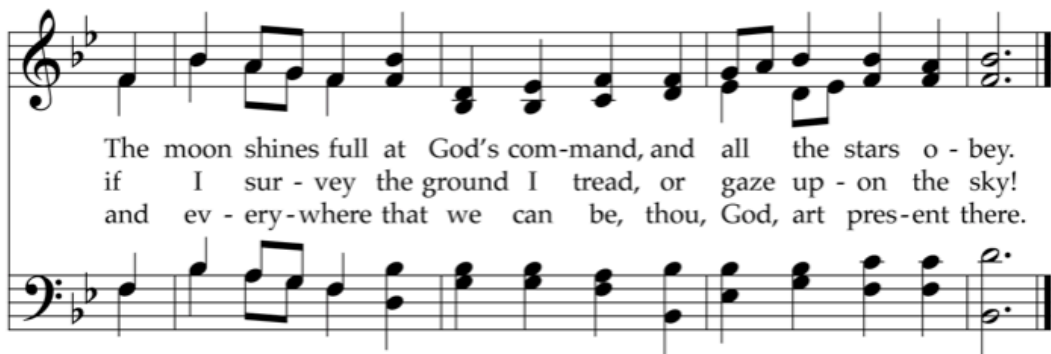
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

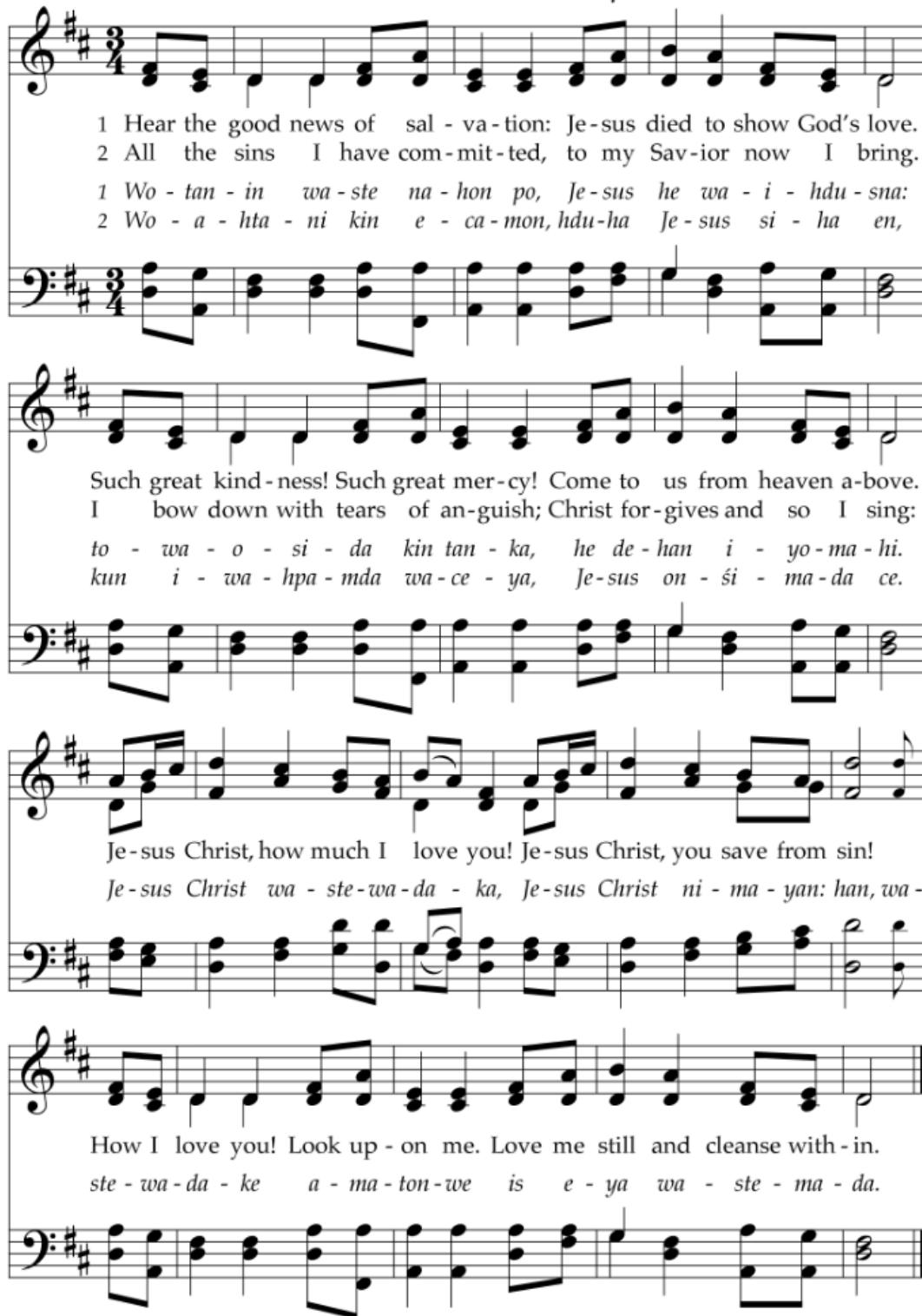


The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.



## Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

*Wotanin waste nahon po*


1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 *Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:*  
 2 *Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,*

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:  
*to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.*  
*kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - si - ma - da ce.*

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
*Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -*

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.  
*ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.*

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923  
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FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



## Visiting Central?

Whether we are together in person or being the body of Christ from afar, Central is a community of faith that offers a great variety of opportunities for you to connect and find a place to belong:

**Worship:** On Sundays, our in-person worship service takes place at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Central's Chancel Choir has resumed and is participating during worship services.

**Learning:** We have an array of upcoming classes in 2022, we will be publicizing soon

**Fellowship:** Our fellowship blooms across ministries - children and youth, college and young adults, parents and older adults, and other Central Life Groups that offer meaningful connections.

**Service:** From serving meals and coffee to our neighbors experiencing homelessness at the courtyard on Sunday mornings to traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border, Israel-Palestine, and Haiti; Central offers opportunities for faithful missionary service and advocacy support in Atlanta and beyond. You may also serve in our hospitality and the A/V and communications ministries.

We welcome you at  
Central Presbyterian Church!

For more information, please connect with our associate pastor, Rev. Jasiel H. Garcia at [jhernandez@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:jhernandez@cpcatlanta.org)

## Central Care Teams

Central's diaconate is launching a new initiative called 'Central Care Teams.' Each team is composed of two to four deacons assigned to a particular Central parish. These teams will lead the church's caring and support efforts by:

- 1) Coordinating meal-trains & communicating other care-related needs to the parish.
- 2) Scheduling and coordinating care visits and in-home communion.
- 3) Assisting with funerals and memorial services.
- 4) Participating in the planning for Maundy Thursday in-home worship services.

The Care Teams will collaborate with Parish Coordinators and the Pastoral Staff. For more information, you may contact Eleanor Dake and Amy Covin.

The Care Teams for 2021-2022 are:

**Decatur** - Ed Carwile, Eleanor Dake, and Rob Forbes.

**Northern Lights** - Vicki Collier, Ginger Heidbreder, Zac Hilimire, and Brian Bishop.

**In-Town South** - Linda Lehfelddt, Ben Sutton, Sandy Hoke, Amy Covin\*, and Phillip Covin.\*

**In-Town North** - Jan DeLong, Tom Leslie, and Debbie Miller.\*

**Brookwood** - Ben Evans, Vicki Norman.

**Down Yonder** - Anne Watkins, Kathy McCloud, LaShawn Green, Emmalee Hackshaw, and Em McNair.\*

\*represents the current Parish Coordinators.

## Give

Please give generously to support Central's work and mission in this time of great need! You can scan the QR code to give via our secure portal.





Central Presbyterian Church is a Matthew 25 Congregation. As such, we are committed to:

1. Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

*We do so through the work of our Learning and Worship ministries, and through the Session's vision for community building and advocacy support for this program year.*

2. Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

*We do so through the work of the Dismantling Racism Task Group's consultation with VISIONS Inc. to better equip ourselves, and through the faithful conversations of "Friends on the Journey."*

3. And eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

*We do so through the work of the Local and Global Missions Committee, the Cozad Task Force, and the Pollard and Covenant Grant Discernment Team.*