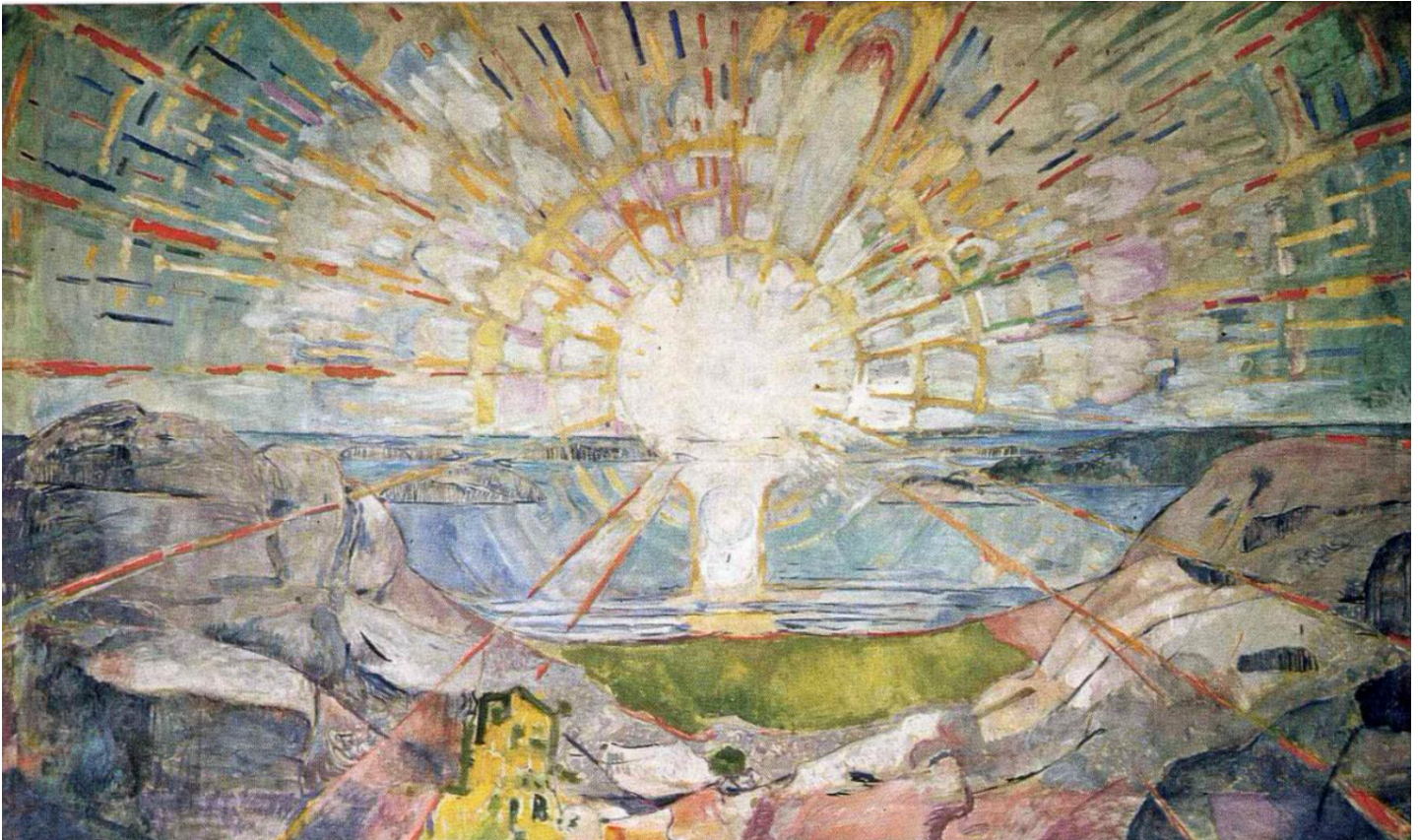




February 13, 2022  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'THE SUN,' BY EDVARD MUNCH

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

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

Welcome

Christian Antwi

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.*



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

✠ Call to Worship

We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

**We place our trust in him.**

As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on an urgency.

**We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem.**

Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

**Amen!**

✠ Hymn 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

✠ Call to Confession

Christian Antwi

✠ Prayer of Confession

**There is a certain linger of despair in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. It is easy to be like the people of Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times during which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem to live. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

✠ Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin.  
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.**

*During the response hymn, children are invited to come forward for A Time With Children.*

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children		Christian Antwi
Prayer for Illumination		Steve Fey
First Lesson	Psalm 27	Steve Fey
Second Lesson	Philippians 3:10-16	Rev. Joy Fisher
Sermon	“What Lies Ahead”	Rev. Joy Fisher

*Silence and Stillness*

## Responding to the Word

✠ Affirmation of Faith  
The Confession of 1967, 9.16 & 9.20

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

**God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

Anthem

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Kyrylo Stetsenko

*Chancel Choir*

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, BLESSED ART THOU O LORD. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND LET ALL THAT IS IN ME,  
BLESS [GOD'S] HOLY NAME. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND DO NOT FORGET ALL [GOD'S] BENEFITS. BLESS THE  
LORD, O MY SOUL, BLESSED ART THOU O LORD.

*From the liturgy of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C.*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL: INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

**Beloved parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, 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 evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World



Hymn 223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG



Benediction

Rev. Joy Fisher

Closing Voluntary

*Grant Us Peace (Sim Shalom)*

arr. Charles W. Ore

*“Grant us peace, your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace,  
and give us the will to proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth.  
Blessed is the eternal God, the Source of peace.”*

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

# Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Joy Fisher, Guest Preacher  
Steve Fey, Lector  
Ann Hunter, Choir Guild  
Chris Sciarrone, Tower Bell Ringer  
Chancel Choir

## 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, Director of Musical Arts  
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  
Thomas DeVore, A/V Assistant

## Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Charles Rooks  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud  
Martha Haythorn



# LENT

40 days of prayer, fasting and self-examination

Central Presbyterian Church

Central has multiple events and activities taking place during Lent where we can connect with each other during this special season. Visit our website, [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org), for more details.

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the vocal notes.

## 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.



# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

## 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

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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 Lehfeldt, 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.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we care for one another and share the love of God at Central.

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## 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.*

