



April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
11 a.m.



'WHEATFIELD' BY GEORGES BRAQUE

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Edwin T. Childs

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

Welcome

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

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.



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

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

The Lord has done great things for us!

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping will return home with shouts of joy.

The Lord will restore our fortunes once again.

Therefore, let us praise and exalt the living God!

✠ Hymn 515
Stanzas 1-4

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

✠ Call to Confession

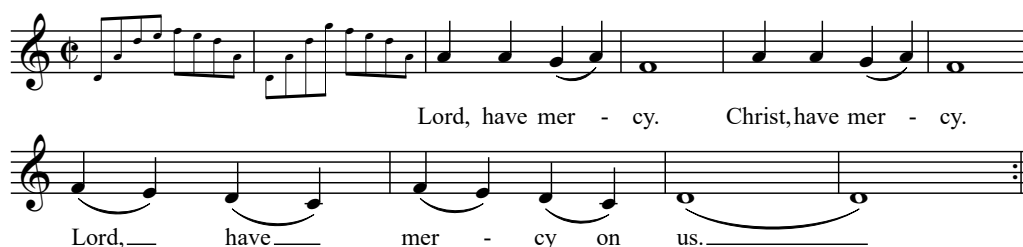
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✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You have compelled us to leave behind the former things, but we confess that we continue to cling to the pleasures of this world. In our own selfishness, we have overlooked the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst - in the face of the poor, oppressed, ill, and abandoned. Forgive us, O God, for the tears and pains we have caused one another. Do not remember our former sins or consider the wrong we have done. Restore us and make us whole again. In Jesus' name, we humbly pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

✠ Kyrie



✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 440, Stanza 4

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

**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		Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
Prayer for Illumination		Kitsy Battle
First Lesson	Psalm 51	Kitsy Battle
Second Lesson	John 12:20-26	Rev. John M. Semmes
Sermon	“Why Did Jesus Have to Die?”	Rev. John M. Semmes
Silence and Stillness		

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Kimberly Parker

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.

Call to Offertory

Kimberly Parker

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew and pass it along.)

Music at The Offertory

Wondrous Love

arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

Text: Hymn 215



At the Presentation

AURELIA

**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.**

-text David Gambrell

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. John M. Semmes

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

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 Hernández García

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

Prayer After Communion

Rev. John M. Semmes

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

	Hymn 726	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	KELVINGROVE
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Congregational Meeting

	Benediction	Rev. John M. Semmes
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	Congregational Response	Hymn 515 Stanza 5	DOVE OF PEACE
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**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Bobbie Paul
Lector, Kitsy Battle
Chancel Choir
Choir Guild, Mary Jane Cornell
Liturgist, Kimberly Parker

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

Hospitality Team

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

LENT

40 days of prayer, fasting and self-examination

Central Presbyterian Church

Central has multiple ways to stay in touch during this sacred season. Visit our website for more information, including our schedule for Holy Week.

Psalm 51

Michael Morgan

ST. FLAVIAN

2010 *Psalter for Christian Worship, revised*

1. Have mer - cy, Lord, ac - cor - ding to the mea - sure of Your love; Blot
2. The fail - ings of my deeds and thoughts are ev - er in my sight; Re -
3. In - to my sec - ret heart send truth, let wis - dom in me grow; O
4. A clean and up - right heart, O Lord, ex - change for mine of stone; your
5. A con - trite heart is Your de - sire, my of - fer - ing the same; My

out my sin, and from my heart all wic - ked - ness re - move.
lease me from the path of death, and set my course a - right.
wash the e - vil from my hands, and make me pure as snow.
Ho - ly Spi - rit meld with mine, and leave me not a - lone.
lips un - matched, my mouth en - gage Your prais - es to pro - claim.

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE

8.6.8.6.6

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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

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.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year caring for one another and sharing the love of God at Central.

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.