



May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'FAREWELL' BY AUGUST MACKE

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on HYMN TO JOY

Timothy Albrecht

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.

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

When the new day of the Lord is established, what a joyful day that will be!

We shall praise the Lord from the heavens and the heights above!

God will wipe away every tear, and death will be no more.

God will bring new life to all on the day of God's coming.

God will give water to the thirsty soul.

God will pour God's abundant blessings on all the people.

Praise the Lord all creatures from the Earth!

Praise the Lord!

✠ Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY



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

✠ Call to Confession

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess our complicity in the suffering of this world. We have ignored the cries of those in the margins as we strive for success. We have diverted our attention towards unhealthy productivity that takes little concern for the poor. We seem to be rushing through life, focusing only on ourselves, leaving little room for our neighbors in need. We must recognize

that such activities create more tears and tremendous pain in this world. Forgive us, redeeming God. Remind us again to slow down and care for one another. Remind us that your grace is more important than any earthly treasure, money, or power. Remind us that we should love one another as you have loved us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

✠ Kyrie

SERVICE MUSIC

Lord, Have Mercy 551

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Response

SERVICE MUSIC

Alleluia! 587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985
Music © 1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker (Published by OCP)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Prayer for Illumination

Kristeen Sorrells

First Lesson

Psalm 148

Kristeen Sorrells

Second Lesson

John 13:31-35

Rev. John M. Semmes

Sermon

“The Toughest Job You’ll Ever Have”

Rev. John M. Semmes

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (9.17)

God has created humanity to be in a personal relation with God’s self so that humanity may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created people and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in wide complex social relations. God has endowed each one of us to make the world, serve its needs, and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humanity is free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Offertory Sentence

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Music at the Offertory

Total Praise
Chancel Choir

Words & Music by Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.



At the Presentation

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA



Benediction

Rev. John M. Semmes

Closing Voluntary

Hymn to Joy

arr. David Cherwien

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

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. The service is also live streamed on both Youtube and our website, www.cpcatlanta.org.

Learning: We have multiple classes to connect on Sunday mornings and during the week. Check our website for updates.

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.

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Tricia Berrett

Lector, Kristeen Sorrells

Chancel Choir

Choir Guild, Kathy Kohn

Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff

The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,

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