



First Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 19, 2022
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



JUSTICE MURAL ON THE EAST SIDE OF POOR HENDRIX, ATLANTA

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

I've Got Peace Like a River

spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Susan Landrum

God of all ages, of every generation, we rejoice in your redemptive love!

In you, our ancestors trusted and you delivered them.

God of all people, we praise your vision for a just world.

To you, our ancestors cried and they were saved.

God of all creation, we gather together to tell of your name to present and future generations.

Because of you, we are sustained in hope. Hallelujah! Amen.

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

✠ Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ Call to Confession

Susan Landrum

✠ Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you draw us close and hear us when we cry out to you. You are with us in our rejoicing and in our weeping. And yet, we forget this. As we move through the days of our lives, we forget to look to you, to center you. As we center ourselves, we lose sight of our neighbor, we cause harm

through both action and inaction, we remain satisfied with the status quo. Help us to center you, to center connectedness and community, to remember and speak out loud, that across time and throughout generations, you are a God of mercy, redemption and justice. Amen.

Silent Confession

✠ Kyrie

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

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Response

Hymn 741 Stanza 1 *Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

**Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Vanessa Hunter

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:4-12

Vanessa Hunter

Second Lesson

James 2:14-25

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Sermon

“Can the Church Survive?”

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Susan Landrum

ADAPTED FROM "A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH"

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. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image of every race, gender and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Offertory Sentence

Susan Landrum

Music at The Offertory

Deep River
Iris Kelly, soloist

African-American Spiritual,
arr. Moses Hogan

DEEP RIVER, MY HOME IS OVER JORDAN. DEEP RIVER, LORD, I WANT TO CROSS OVER INTO CAMPGROUND.

OH, DON'T YOU WANT TO GO TO THAT GOSPEL FEAST, THAT PROMISED LAND WHERE ALL IS PEACE.

DEEP RIVER, LORD, I WANT TO CROSS OVER INTO CAMPGROUND. -BASED ON JOSHUA 3



At the Presentation

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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



Prayer of Dedication

Susan Landrum

Prayers of The People

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional with 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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE



Benediction

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare on MCKEE

Charles Callahan

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 and weekly e-news 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!

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Tricia Berrett
Lector, Vanessa Hunter
Soloist, Iris Kelly, soloist

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
Susan Landrum, Interim Director of Youth
Sam Phillips, Interim Director for Family Ministry
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Director of Musical Arts
Vicki Fey, Organist/Music Associate
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus
Thomas Dixon, Music Intern
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

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Sunday, June 26: Central's going out for lunch! Join your Central family for fellowship and lunch at Das BBQ restaurant following worship. There will be a buffet set up at the restaurant. In addition to smoked meats, there will also be vegetarian sides on hand. The cost is \$10 per household, or you may pay what you can. We request you pay now and sign up via your Realm account.

Sunday, July 31: Join us for our annual after church picnic! We will have food trucks, entertainment, and games for families at this fun event! Stay tuned for details.

