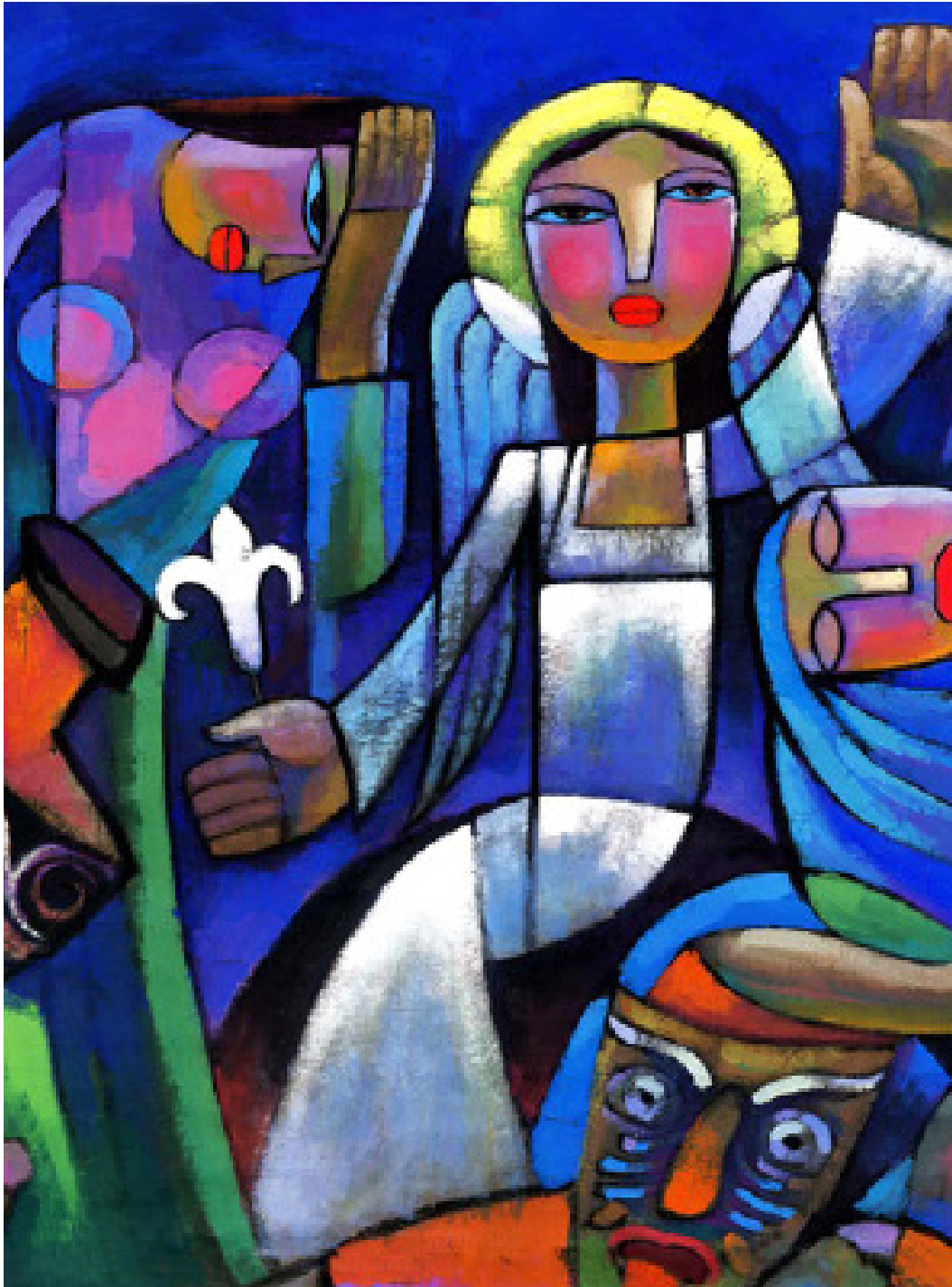




Third Sunday of Easter  
APRIL 14, 2024



# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Prelude*

Cesar Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

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

FROM PSALM 4

The Lord hears us when we call:

**Come, let us put our trust in God.**

Susan Landrum

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

✠ Hymn 234

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray... (Silent Confession) Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 248

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*Stanza 3*

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:

all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

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

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✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.  
Please silence your phones.

# Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Susan Landrum & Courtney Anne Henry

Prayer for Illumination

David York

First Lesson

Psalm 4

Second Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 740 *Lead Me, Guide Me* LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

✠ Affirmation of Faith Courtney Anne Henry

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

Offertory Sentence

Anthem *With Prayer and Supplication* Amy Beach  
With prayer and supplication,  
let your requests be known unto God.  
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding  
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ 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!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

# The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Kate Culver

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Kate Culver & Susan Landrum

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...**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...And so, with your people on earth and all of the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their voices who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus 556

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LAND OF REST

**Holy, Holy, Holy**      556

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various chords such as G, G7, Am, A9, Cmaj7, D7, E Am, Ddim, and C/G.

**...For in our waiting, we claim "Great is the Mystery of Faith!"**

Memorial Acclamation 557

*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

LAND OF REST

## 557 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
 Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
 Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
 TRADITIONAL PC (USA)

**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

Communion of the People

Music During Communion

*Improvisation*

Mason Copeland

Prayer After Communion

Susan Landrum

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠	Hymn 547	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
✠	Charge and Benediction		Rev. Kate Culver
	Postlude	<i>Canon in C</i>	Robert Schumann

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## Participating in Worship Today

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### Special participants in today's service

Lector: David York  
Choir Guild: Kathy McCloud  
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown  
Chancel Choir  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director

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

### Give

You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org) or using the QR code.



### Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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**Lunch at Das BBQ**  
**This Sunday April 14**  
**following Worship**  
**350 Memorial Drive**  
**Atlanta, 30312**

Join fellow Centralites at **Das BBQ** following worship. Order and pay at the counter. A section of tables will be reserved for our group. The restaurant is only about a mile away from Central with plenty of parking on the street.



## Lunch for In Their Shoes following worship in Tull Hall

Before beginning your one-mile walk around our neighborhood with the 'In Our Shoes' fundraiser, we will gather to eat lunch and enjoy fellowship! Box lunches from Jason's Deli will be available following worship.

You may register via Realm or via the QR code on the right.



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## Parking on Washington Request

Central would like to kindly request that members **not** park at our entrance on Washington Street unless there is a significant issue of mobility. This entrance to the church is often vital to our disabled member's ability to park and attend service. If you are parking on Washington without a mobility issue - such as to unload, please move your car no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

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### Thirsty Thursdays

7 p.m.

Manuel's Tavern

Central members meet monthly at *Manuel's Tavern* for a time of informal fellowship. While this event was initially for Young Professionals, the event is open to all ages. Guests are welcome and no RSVP is required! Below are the dates through May 2024. Manuel's is located at 602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307.

April 25

May 23

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