

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Those who are able, please stand.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

The **pastoral staff** and over 250 members of our congregation are in Montreat, North Carolina, for our annual All-Church Retreat. Though our congregation is in two different locations this morning we are using the same Opening Sentences, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Declaration of Pardon and Response. Since the Retreat theme is based on the Psalms, all these elements were crafted by Michael Morgan, based on the Psalms cited in each section.

We **thank** the Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer Oget for preaching today. She is Associate Professor of New Testament at the Interdenominational Theological Center and is an active member of our Chancel Choir and the Geneva Handbell Choir.

We **also thank** Matt Flemming for serving as liturgist and lector this morning. Matt is an Instructor in Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary and is under care of this congregation in preparation for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

We **thank** Sarah Martin for serving as guest organist today. Michael Morgan, our organist, is helping to lead the All-Church Retreat this weekend.

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, September 6

All-Church Retreat continues
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch

Monday, September 7

All-Church Retreat continues
Church Offices closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
Rand Chapel
2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. OAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, September 11

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 12

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Kick-off

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Meeting for parents of elementary age children
Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off
All Ages
11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Gary Charles preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Cancer Ministry Meeting
Atrium
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Kick-off

VISITORS

WELCOME ALL

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about Central or about joining Central please contact Debbie Miller at dmiller@cpcatlanta.org or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Willie Phillips & Beth Grashof,
co-captains
Brian Bishop ▪ Bede Campbell
Jo Alice Halsell
Rick Hertzberg ▪ Elizabeth Neil

Counters

Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb
Don Robinson

Greeters

Lamar Oglesby ▪ Tom Holcomb
Bill Thompson ▪ Michael Lloyd
Nancy Wilkes

Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan – Bob Riordan
Washington Street – Leslie Pope

Cashier

Philip Covin

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Ferguson Family
Mark, Corie, Lucy & Harry

Deacons of the Day

Ellen Thompson ▪ Mark Ferguson

Sound Engineer

David Harris

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infants & Toddlers

Paid Staff

Pre-School and Pre-K Room

Paid Staff

Bread Bakers

Terry Tusher

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PASTOR EMERITUS

P. C. (Buddy) Enniss

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY WORD AND SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Christ and the Canaanite Woman, Rembrandt van Rijn

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *DIALOGUE FROM SYMPHONIC PIECE* JOSEPH CLOKEY
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

✠OPENING SENTENCES FROM PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God, who made us. We belong to God.
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love endures forever;
Whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

✠HYMN No. 464 *JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE* HYMN TO JOY

✠CALL TO CONFESSION FROM PSALM 139

The Lord searches us and knows us, even before we know ourselves.
God knows when we sit down, and when we rise up;
discerns our thoughts, and searches out our paths,
not for condemnation but for reconciliation.
God hears our every word, whether uttered from our lips, or spoken in our hearts.
Let us come before the Lord and confess together those failings
which do not need our voice to make them known to God.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION FROM PSALM 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.
We know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
as we open to you, in silence, the secrets of our hearts . . .
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✠KYRIE MICHAEL MORGAN
(Found in the inside back cover of your hymnal)

✠DECLARATION OF PARDON FROM PSALM 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear God;
As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
Beloved brothers and sisters, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✠RESPONSE ELLACOMBE
FROM PSALM 32

How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiven,
Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 PAGE 617, OT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER PSALM 125 BEACH SPRING
(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 146)

SECOND LESSON JAMES 2:1-17 PAGE 219, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON LABOR DAY MARGARET AYMER OGET

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN No. 516 *LORD, WE HAVE COME AT YOUR OWN INVITATION* O QUANTA QUALIA

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

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
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

SEALING THE WORD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *JESU, JOY OF OUR DESIRING* J. S. BACH
ARR. E. POWER BIGGS

✠AT THE PRESENTATION *DOXOLOGY* OLD HUNDREDETH

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN No. 434 *TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES* KINGSFOLD

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 535 TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *FUGUE FROM SONATA II* FELIX MENDELSSOHN