

May Prayers of Peace Be Lifted to God

Soaring overhead in our sanctuary for the second year is a brilliantly hued representation of the prayers of the people. Each flash of color is an origami crane folded by someone in our church. And inside each bird is written the subject of a prayer. These include the name of each member of our congregation, prayed for as the crane was created. The cranes were hung for the first time in 2008. When they were taken down, some were set aside to send to Hiroshima to be a part of the memorial there. Then, during the season of Lent earlier this year, members of the congregation again folded cranes, and added prayers for families in the congregation, and others for whom they wished to pray. These new cranes have been added to those remaining from last year, and fly above us today.

The focus of this artwork, however, is really larger than any individual or congregation. The work - completed over the course of three years - was installed to mark September 21, the International Day of Peace. On this date, people around the globe are encouraged to participate in acts of peace.

Why origami cranes? Early in 1955, a twelve-year-old girl named Sadako Sasaki (佐々木 禎子) developed leukemia as a result of exposure to radiation from the nuclear bomb dropped on her hometown, Hiroshima, at the end of World War II. Visiting her in the hospital, Sadako's best friend reminded her of the Japanese legend that, if she could fold one thousand cranes, her wish to be made well might be granted. Stories differ as to whether Sadako was able to finish one thousand cranes before her death in October 1955, or whether her friends completed the task in her memory.

Regardless, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane now stands in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and, every day, cranes arrive from people all over the world who hope and pray and work for peace.

Like Sadako's cranes, the exact number of Central's cranes is unknown. We estimate it to be more than 2500. Many thanks to all who prayed these three-dimensional prayers and helped create our *A Wing and a Prayer* art installation that can now inspire us all to serve the Prince of Peace.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Deanna Robbins, captain
Kelly Bray • Mary Sidney Harbert
Chuck Bowen • Bettye Russell
Terry Tusher • Wills Moore
Em McNair

Counters

Doris Beachy
Max Gallman • Stephen Smith
Bill Crosland, Sr.

Cashier

Mary Elizabeth Pope

Sound Engineer

Alan Pieper

Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan - Eleanor Lancaster
Washington Street - Ann Hunter

Deacons of the Day

Rick Wornat • Tom Holcomb

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Kristeen Sorrells • Marlene Zwier

Greeters

Daphne & Michael Evans
Sherry & Ken Finch
Bill & Martha Kimes

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infant & Toddler Room
Carolyn Porter • Jean Ellen Jones

Preschool and Pre-K Room

Pam & Lauren Melville

Choir Guild

Bill Thompson

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@cpclanta.org or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

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Stephen A. Bacon, Coordinator, Pastoral Residency Program

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 BAPTISM

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



A millstone in Capernaum

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY PRELUDE ON BEACH SPRING CHARLES CALLAHAN
(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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES ARNOLD SHERMAN
CHANCEL CHOIR
From all that dwell below the skies, let our Creator's praise arise; Alleluia.
Let our Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.
O praise ye, O praise ye! Alleluia! Amen!

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the strength of God, creator of all that is.
Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.
Our salvation comes from God, light in our darkness.
Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.
Sisters and brothers, praise the living God!
God's name be praised!

✦ HYMN NO. 554 LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING ASH GROVE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, forgive us when we substitute our judgment for yours: believing that your mercy has boundaries that we can understand and control; your power works only through the lives of those who share our beliefs; and your love is limited only to the deserving. Help us to trust in the unbounded, powerful and undeserved forgiveness that we have been granted in your son, Jesus, and to live our lives in gracious response...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE AVON GILLESPIE
(Please sing twice)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

✦ DECLARATION OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 420, STANZA 5 CWM RHONDDA
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 PAGE 131, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND LESSON MARK 9:38-50 PAGE 42, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON WAY OUT OF CONTROL CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER ("Forgive us our debts...")

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM KAITLYN GRACE HILIMIRE
PRESENTATION
VOWS
✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED P. 14, HYMNAL
THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
ACT OF BAPTIZING
BLESSING

HYMN NO. 497 WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS OUR FAITH PROFESSING ST. CLEMENT

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY FOLLOWERS OF THE LAMB ARR. PHILIP R. DIETTERICH
CHANCEL CHOIR
O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.
O sister, ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.
O, I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb.
O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 428, STANZA 1 SCHUMANN
We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 285 GOD, YOU SPIN THE WHIRLING PLANETS AUSTRIAN HYMN

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE GOD TO ENFOLD YOU JOHN BELL
CHANCEL CHOIR
God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY POSTLUDE ON TWO AMERICAN FOLK HYMNS CHARLES CALLAHAN

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ Please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.

Our liturgists today are Gary Charles, Erika Rembert, and Emily Wilmarth.
Our lector today is David VanderMeer.
We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today as Emily and Jeff Hilimire bring their daughter Kaitlyn Grace, born March 24, 2009, to be baptized. Charlie Richards is the elder for the baptism and Zachary Catterall, Sophie Hollowell, and Kate Hollowell will represent the children.
At the request of the Music and Liturgical Arts and the Sanctuary and Sacraments committees, and following the recommendation of the Leadership Team for Presbyterians for Disability Concerns, we have changed the language we use to ask the congregation to stand at various points in our worship. An article discussing this change will appear in the Weekly next week.
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>.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

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| Sunday, September 27 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil 12:15 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Residency Committee 1:00 p.m. Learning Chairs Meeting 1:00 p.m. The Writing Life Class 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship | Thursday, October 1 9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children 10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting |
| Monday, September 28 1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions <i>Rand Chapel</i> 2:00 p.m. All-Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting | Friday, October 2 9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children |
| Tuesday, September 29 1:00 p.m. Genesis Handbell Choir | Saturday, October 3 9:30 a.m. Moving Liturgy Master Class 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction/Wine Tasting |
| Wednesday, September 30 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir 6:15 p.m. Family Worship 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir | Sunday, October 4 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs 9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Men's Gathering 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day World Communion Sunday Gary Charles preaching 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil 12:15 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship: <i>Greek Festival</i> 1:30 p.m. Moving Liturgy Concert |