

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

<p><b>Sunday, January 24</b>                  Middle School Mission Trip continues                  12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil                  12:15 p.m. Lunch</p> <p><b>Monday, January 25</b>                  1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions  <i>Rand Chapel</i>                  2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting                  5:00 p.m. Bruce Reyes-Chow                  Reception  <i>Taylor Conference Room</i>                  6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 26</b>                  6:30 p.m. OAC Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 27</b>                  5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir                  7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 28</b>                  7:00 p.m. Women's Studies</p> <p><b>Friday, January 29</b>                  No events scheduled.</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 30</b>                  No events scheduled.</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 31</b>                  9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs                  9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir                  9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages                  11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day:                  Gary Charles preaching                  PATH Offering received                  12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil                  12:15 p.m. Lunch                  4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir                  6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship</p>
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For more information about any of the above events,  
 please call the Church Office - 404-659-0274.

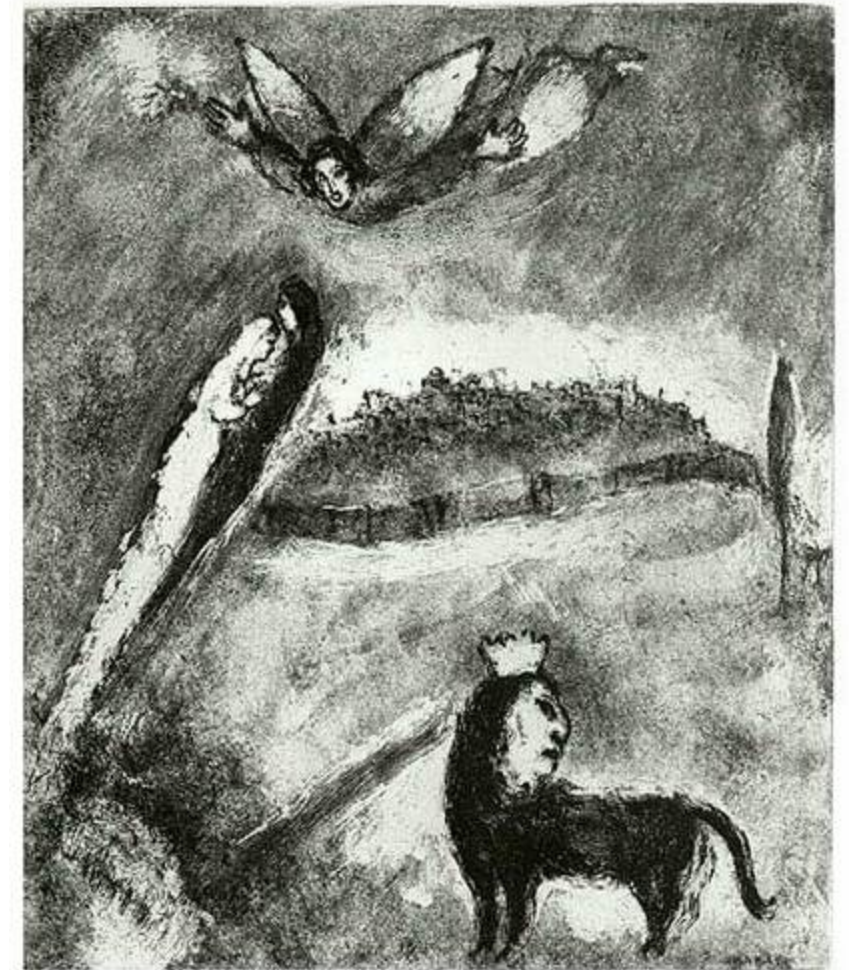
THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

<p><b>Ushers</b>                  Deanna Robbins, captain                  Mary Sidney Harbert                  Chuck Bowen • Bettye Russell                  Terry Tusher • Wills Moore                  Em McNair • Jeff Spruell</p> <p><b>Counters</b>                  Doris Beachy • Alice Veldhuis                  Max Gallman • Stephen Smith                  Bill Crosland, Sr.</p> <p><b>Cashier</b>                  Mary Elizabeth Pope</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer</b>                  Alan Pieper</p> <p><b>Elders of the Day</b>  <i>Campbell-Eagan</i> - Fred Russell  <i>Washington Street</i> - Mike Sizemore</p>	<p><b>Deacons of the Day</b>                  David Messer • Frances St. John</p> <p><b>Collectors of Friendship Pads</b>                  Kristeen Sorrells • Marlene Zwier</p> <p><b>Greeters</b>                  Daphne Evans                  Sherry &amp; Ken Finch                  Bill &amp; Martha Kimes</p> <p><b>Caring for Our Youngest Members</b>  <i>Infant &amp; Toddler Room</i>                  Mary Hay  <i>Preschool and Pre-K Room</i>                  Shirley &amp; Michael Davis</p> <p><b>Choir Guild</b>                  Neil Satterfield</p>
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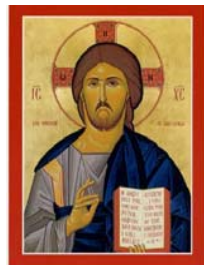
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 24, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Salvation for Jerusalem, Marc Chagall



Prayer Service

in the manner of the Taizé Community

A service of song, scripture, silence,  
 meditation, prayer, and candles

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Rand Chapel - 7:00 p.m.

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PASTOR EMERITUS

P. C. (Buddy) Enniss

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

ARIA  
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

MICHAEL HELMAN

(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

#### ✦ OPENING SENTENCES

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And the earth shows forth God's handiwork.  
The stars spray God's light across the galaxy,  
And the land opens new vistas onto God's good creation.  
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!  
The Lord's name be praised!

#### ✦ HYMN NO. 486

WHEN THE MORNING STARS TOGETHER

WEISSE FLAGGEN

#### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, in your grace, have mercy on us. When we see creation as a possession to be manipulated, rather than a gift to be nurtured, forgive us, O God. When we treat your Scripture as an interesting artifact, rather than a lamp unto our feet, forgive us, God. When we live as if our only hope is self-created, rather than a gift of your grace, forgive us, O God. Creator God, in your grace, have mercy on us. . . .  
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

#### ✦ KYRIE

AVON GILLESPIE

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

#### ✦ DECLARATION OF PARDON

#### ✦ RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 479, STANZA 3

LAUDA ANIMA

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;  
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

PSALM 19

PAGE 504, OT, PEW BIBLE

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

#### SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 62: 1-5

AUTHOR'S TRANSLATION

#### SERMON

BEULAH LAND

GARY W. CHARLES

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK  
ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;  
**This is true:** For God so loved the world that God gave God's only son so that everyone who believes in God shall not die, but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

**This is true:** I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

**This is true:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

**This is true:** To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

**This is true:** I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young people shall see visions, and your old folk shall dream dreams.

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

**This is true:** The hour comes and it is now, that true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

#### ✦ HYMN NO. 262

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

NATIONAL HYMN

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

(For the text of the Lord's Prayer, see page 16 in the Hymnal)

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

CHANCEL CHOIR; BILL CROSLAND, JR., BRENT IVEY, AND LIZ JAFFE, TRIO  
The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of God's work displays the firmament,  
Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.  
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

#### ✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 479, STANZA 4

LAUDA ANIMA

Angels, teach us adoration, you behold God face to face;  
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

#### ✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### ✦ HYMN NO. 297

O LORD OF EVERY SHINING CONSTELLATION

VICAR

#### ✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

AMEN

PETER LUTKIN

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

PSALM 19

B. MARCELLO

### 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 Erika Rembert, Emily Wilmarth, and Lynn Turnage.

Our lector today is Ed Carwile.

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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