

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BEACH SPRING
GENESIS HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

(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

FORTY DAYS AND NIGHTS
BETHLEHEM CHOIR; MELISSA MCNAIR, DIRECTOR
Forty days and nights he stayed, forty days and nights he prayed,
All alone yet unafraid, Jesus in the wilderness.

MICHAEL BEDFORD

Jesus went to fast and pray, faced temptation every day
From God's love he did not stray, may we follow in his way.

✠ OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised!

✠ HYMN No. 87

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

ERHALT UNS, HERR

✠ CALL TO CONFESSION

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, here we are again. We claim your mercy, but sin overwhelms us.
We claim your forgiveness, but we fail to forgive those who have sinned against us.
We claim your justice, but we act in ways that deny your justice to those who are different from us.
So, here we are here again, O God. Have mercy on us, we pray...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✠ KYRIE

MARK PATTERSON

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Have mer - cy on me, have mer - cy on me, my soul will take re-fuge, oh, Lord, my God, in thee. Have mer - cy on me, have mer - cy on me, and un - til the storm is o - ver keep me safe, Lord, in the shad-ow of your wings. Have mer-cy on me, oh, Lord.

✠ DECLARATION OF PARDON

With confidence, let us declare together the gift of salvation:

As far as the east is from the west,
as near as the penitence of Lent is to the redemption of Easter,
so are we delivered and made whole.

Let us proclaim the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

✠ 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

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

PAGE 190, NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER

PSALM 27

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 38)

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 13:31-35

PAGE 72, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IN THE LINE OF FIRE

GARY W. CHARLES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY IN SCOTLAND

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God,
Maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
Condemned by the religious,
Crucified by the state,
Jesus died but transformed even death
As God raised Jesus to life everlasting.
We commit ourselves to Jesus,
To one another as brothers and sisters
And to his mission in the world
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ HYMN No. 413

ALL WHO LOVE AND SERVE YOUR CITY

CHARLESTOWN

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

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

RICH IN PROMISE

MARK SEDIO

CHANCEL CHOIR

TEXT: SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN

Rich in promise, rich in present, dry as dust and desert sand,
Buried in the potent land, deep and dark the grain lies dormant.
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Running river in the desert, water meets the wilderness.
Transformation, more from less. Swollen seed sends newness skyward.
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Parable of grain and greening, paradox of death and birth,
Story of our wait in earth for the sacramental raining:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

So we move from seed to ripeness, so we move from grain to green,
Letting go of what has been, we embody God's great promise.
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 422, STANZA 1

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ASH GROVE

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the who human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
The may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

MAY YOU CLING TO WISDOM

STEVEN C. WARNER

CHANCEL CHOIR

May you cling to wisdom, for she will protect you,
and if you cherish her, she will keep you safe.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON ASH GROVE
MARK SEDIO, ORGAN

MARK SEDIO

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 Caroline Kelly, Catherine Neelly, and Emily Wilmarth.

Our **lector** today is Carol Pitts.

We **welcome** to worship today Mark Sedio, who led our Hymn Festival last night. Mark is Director of Music/Cantor at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is an active recitalist, clinician, conductor, and composer.

Liturgical artist Berta Irwin, assisted by Vicki Norman, created the paraments and banners hanging in the sanctuary during Lent.

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, February 28

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Nominating Comm. Mtg.
12:30 p.m. David Messer book signing
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 1

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
2:00 p.m. Program Staff
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff
5:45 p.m. Ministry Night

Tuesday, March 2

1:00 p.m. Genesis Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Lenten Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 4

No events scheduled.

Friday, March 5

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Prison Trip

Sunday, March 7

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
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Committee
12:45 p.m. Council of Ministries
1:00 p.m. Movement Choir
1:30 p.m. Cancer Ministry
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:30 p.m. David Bailey Concert
Sanctuary

For more information about any of the above events,
please call the Church Office - 404-659-0274.



Lenten Taizé Prayer Service

*A candlelight service of song, scripture, silence,
meditation, and prayer.*

Tuesdays in Lent

March 2, 9, 16 (with Communion),
and 23 (A Service of Wholeness and Healing)
Rand Chapel - 7:00 p.m.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

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

Counters

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

Cashier

Mary Elizabeth Pope

Sound Engineer

David Harris

Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan - Mark Borst
Washington Street - Edna Bacon

Deacons of the Day

Oliver Ladd • Ellen Thompson

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Kristeen Sorrells • Marlene Zwier

Greeters

Daphne Evans
Sherry & Ken Finch
Bill & Martha Kimes

Caring for

Our Youngest Members

Infant & Toddler Room
Tracy & Wills Moore
Preschool and Pre-K Room
Johanna Phelan

Choir Guild

Lynne Rea

RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE FAMILY

The Central Presbyterian family, through the Global Mission Committee, is sponsoring the resettlement of a refugee family who will be coming to the Atlanta area. We do not yet know anything about the family, including where they will be coming from, how many members there are, or exactly when they will arrive, although we anticipate it to be in late March. Our primary mission is to set up the apartment where they will live, which is provided through RRISA, so that the family can move right in and begin to do the many things they need to do to adjust to their new life. A list of items that we need to collect can be found on the church website, and will also be made available at worship services in the next few weeks. If you have, or can acquire, any of these items, please e-mail John Tarrant at jtarrant47@yahoo.com and let him know what you can provide. If needed, we can pick items up from your home during the first two weeks of March. We also will need several volunteers to help with picking up items from homes and delivering them to the apartment. Trucks would be an added blessing! Again, please e-mail John Tarrant if you would like to volunteer.

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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

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Christ Lamenting Over Jerusalem, 1846. Sir Charles Lock Eastgate