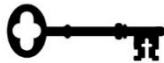




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 21, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Responsive Reader – Kene Umezio

Lector – Marilyn Craven

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major*
Pilgrim's Song

R. Anderson
P. Tchaikovsky, Arr. by F. Ritter

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us rejoice and praise God

Congregation: Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

* HYMN – Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise

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1. Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Hallelujah!
to the throne in paradise; Hallelujah!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Hallelujah!
enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah!

2. Christ, for you high triumph waits, Hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; Hallelujah!
you have conquered death and sin: Hallelujah!
enter, Sovereign, enter in. Hallelujah!

3. See the nail marked hands above, Hallelujah!
signs of God's redeeming love; Hallelujah!
hark, Christ's words our hearts assure, Hallelujah!
"I will send a Comforter!" Hallelujah!

4. Christ, for us still intercede; Hallelujah!
by your suffering for us plead; Hallelujah!
near yourself prepare a place, Hallelujah!
as the first fruits of God's grace. Hallelujah!

5. Now, though parted from our sight, Hallelujah!
in the depths of starry night, Hallelujah!
may God raise us up again, Hallelujah!
heirs of your eternal reign. Hallelujah!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 3.5.1-3.5.5 (pg. 11 & 12)

Leader: Jesus is Lord
Jesus suffered, died, and was buried,
but God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: **His resurrection means that our faith is not empty,
that final victory is assured over all evil powers
which destroy and deform life,
and that death, the last enemy, is conquered.**

The forces of the evil one still wage war against us.
The destructive powers are still present.
But their end is not in doubt.

**We await the full revelation of our Lord's triumph.
We worship our ascended Lord.**

Reigning in glory and power
he is our High Priest and Advocate
interceding before the Father on our behalf.

**Through him we offer our sacrifice of praise,
with prayer for all to the Father.**

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord

* HYMN – Fairest Lord Jesus

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 47 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for all children will be available in the upstairs Faith Finders room. Parents can meet the children there following worship.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 118)

Acts 1:1-11

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 91)

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON: *Ordinary Faithfulness*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Oh for a World Where Everyone

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Ascension* Music by Philip Moore, Words by Joseph Beaumont

*Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high all golden way, The fairer heav'n comes home today.*

*Hark! Now the gates are ope, And hear the tune of each triumphant sphere;
Where ev'ry angel as he sings, Keeps time with his applauding wings.
And make heav'ns loftiest roof rebound, The echos of the noble sound.*

*Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high all golden way, The fairer heav'n comes home to day.*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - Will You Come and Follow Me

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Enter His Courts With Praise*

A. Mason

Central Presbyterian Church is here to offer sacred space for worship, a safe space for community groups to gather, and a generous space to **Hamilton Out of the Cold** serving meals to those who need them. Your presence with us today and your support of our work means so much. May God bless you richly!

Word of the Day:

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. - Luke 24:52-53

If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website (www.cpchamilton.ca). If you would like to be added to our email list, please let Helena know (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098).
CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis on Vacation:

Marking their 40th Anniversary with his wife Betty, Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be away May 1-25. The Rev. Lois Whitwell, Director of Pastoral Care will be the Worship Leader for Sundays May 7, 14, & 23.

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 or lois@cpchamilton.ca).

Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca.

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5 6 9 5 5 8

E♭ /D Cm /B♭ A♭6 B♭7 E♭sus4-3 E♭ /D Cm /B♭ A♭6 B♭ E♭ /F

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Lord of all cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. All fair - est beau - ty heav - en - ly and earth - ly,

E♭/G(B♭7/F E♭/G)A♭ B♭/A♭ E♭/G Fm6 E♭ A♭/C B♭7/D E♭/G B♭7 B♭sus4-3 /A♭

Je - sus, of God and Ma - ry the Son:
 robed in the ver - dure and bloom of spring.
 fair is the shim - mer - ing, star - ry sky:
 won - drous - ly, Je - sus, is found in thee;

Gm /F C/E C7 Fmsus Fm /G Fm /E♭ B♭/D B♭7 E♭sus(4-2 - 3)

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - our,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines clear - er
 none can be near - er, fair - er or dear - er

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E♭/D Cm E♭/G A♭6 E♭/B♭ B♭sus4 B♭7 E♭

O thou my soul's de - light and crown.
 he makes the sad - dest heart to sing.
 than all the heav - en - ly host on high.
 than thou, my Sav - iour, art to me.

Oh for a world where everyone

AZMON 8 6 8 6 CM

G/B G D G D7 Em D G D7/F# G D

1. Oh for a world where evc - ry - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2. Oh for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5. Oh for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

G /B C G/D D7 G

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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 adaptation, Lowell Mason (1792-1872) in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

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Will you come and follow me

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Unison F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

1. Will you come and fol - low me
 2. Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind-ed see
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide
 5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 (C11) F

Will you go where you don't know
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free
 Will you quell the fear in - side
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb6 Csus4 - 3

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

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F C7 Dm Gm7 C11 F

will you let my life be grown
 Will you let me an - swer prayer
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Come Sing With Us . . .

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry. We also welcome additional singers to join us

temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at music@cpchamilton.ca



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 CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can support this good work by placing a gift on the offering plate, through pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donating online, via Interac E-Transfer or cheque. Please send to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca, include your envelope # or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

Revenues as of April 30, 2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Short) of Budget</u>
Congregational Givings	\$ 79,304	\$ 58,305	\$ (20,999)
Trustees - Regular	15,000	15,000	\$ 0
Trustees - Budgeted Deficit	52,073	52,073	\$ 0
Other Income	21,164	19,319	\$ (1,845)
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	\$ 167,541	\$ 144,697	\$ (22,844)
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Note: There is a shortfall between budgeted and actual revenues.

Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.

Mission Committee Reminder:

There is a basket in our main entrance to the sanctuary for [Hamilton Food Share](#). You may bring non-perishable items anytime which supports those in need.

Prayer Shawl

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is beginning to take shape. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl speak to Lois Whitwell. We have three shawl kits prepared. The kit includes instructions and wool.

Stewardship Moment

Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give.

We can give time, we can give our expertise,



we can give our love or simply give a smile.

What does that cost?

The point is,

none of us can ever run out

of something worthwhile to give.

Steve Goodier

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Central Presbyterian Church – Land Acknowledgement *

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement
<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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*And when he had
said these things...*

HE WAS LIFTED UP

*and a cloud took
him out of their sight.*

ACTS 1:9, ESV