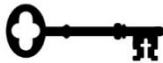




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 28, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Time with the Children – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Responsive Reader – Nathan Bello

Lector – Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Andante from Concerto in G*
Adagio in C Major, Op. 4

F. Mendelssohn
L. Spohr

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Introit *O God, Whose Fire Lit The Stars*

287 (v. 3, 4)

Words by H. G. Stuempfle, Jr, Music by G. F. Handel, Arr. by D. Hurd

*O Spirit, as at Pentecost you fell, a living flame,
and sent the chosen twelve abroad the gospel to proclaim:
descend on all you call today to serve a servant Lord.
Ignite their praying hearts till they are burning with your Word.*

*Praise God who makes all stars to shine!
Praise Christ who conquered night!
And praise the Spirit by whose gifts our faith will end in sight!
Sing praises to the Trinity, creation's life and light, one holy fire,
a three-fold flame forever burning bright!*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wind of nothingness and awe,
wind of knowing and unknowing,

**Congregation: wind of bearing and begetting,
wind of secrets and mystery,
of wise, wise wind,
whisper to us your grace.**

(William Loader)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN – Come Down, O Love Divine

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 4.1-4.2 (pg. 13 & 14)

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the triune God
and is One with the Father and the Son.
The Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of Life,
the Renewer and Helper of God's people.
By the Spirit, God is present in the world,
the source of all goodness and justice.

**Congregation: By the Spirit,
God convinces the world of sin
and testifies to the truth of Christ.
By the Spirit, Christ is with his church.**

The Spirit enables people to receive
the good news of Christ,
to repent of their sins,
and to be adopted as children of God.
As we hear and respond to the Gospel
we freely turn to Christ.
When we have turned and repented,
we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to believe.

**The Holy Spirit accompanies us on our journey of faith.
We may not always be sure of this presence.
Yet God's Spirit is with us,
sometimes gently, sometimes powerfully,
guiding us in the midst of life,
our comfort and our help.
Christian life is a pilgrimage:
it begins, continues, and ends in God.**

* HYMN – Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining 376 ((see pg. 7-8)
Accompanied by Central's Youth Music Ensemble

GOD SPEAKS TO US

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. 119)

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON: *In the Power of the Spirit*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*

Harold W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya, Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the faithful used to gather, In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living, Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya, Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.*

* 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 – We are One in the Spirit

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Risen Christ*

G. Peterson

Word of the Day:

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them (Acts 2.2).

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!

We extend condolences to Karen Martin and her daughter, Erin, on the passing of Doug Martin on Monday, May 22, 2023. Visitation is at Marlatt's Funeral Home (615 Main St. E.) on Friday, June 2 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The funeral service is being held at Central on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Donations in Memory of Doug can be given to [Good Shepherd](#) and Central's Hamilton Out of the Cold meal program.

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/

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.

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.

Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY 6 6 11 D

D A/C# D Asus4-3 G Em6 D 6 A/C# Bm A/C# E7sus4-3

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of
 2. Oh let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will

A D G A G/B D Em/G D/F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing,
 be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing,
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing,

Bm Dmaj7/F# G D F#m E7 A C/E (D7) G D Em 6 D /F# (G) A

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the place

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/G D/F# G A G/B D /F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and pride in earth - ly glo - ry scorns with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

God in Christ

376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 9 9 10 10 6 with refrain (13 9 13 10)

A D/A $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ E/A D/A A D/A E/A D/A

Musical notation for the first system, including guitar chords and a double bar line with a repeat sign.

Unison A Asus A E/A A Asus

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the sha - dows in -
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fa - ces dis -

Musical notation for the unison section, including lyrics and a bass line.

A E/A D E/D

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
to your ra - diancy; by your blood I may
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from

Musical notation for the second system, including lyrics and a bass line.

C#m F#m D E/D

World, shine up - on us. Set us free by the
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me, try me, con -
glo - ry to glo - ry: mir - rored here may our

Musical notation for the third system, including lyrics and a bass line.

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C#m F#m G Esus E G Esus E

truth you now bring us.
 sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
 A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A

Shine, Je - sus shine; fill this land with the
 Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with

Esus E Esus E A E/A A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
 grace and mer - cy; send forth your word, Lord, and

1. Bm Bm/A G Esus E 2. Bm E7 A D/A D.S. A

hearts on fire. let there be light!

Last time

God the Holy Spirit

382 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

MORECAMBE 10 10 10 10

C G7/B C F C/E Dm G7 C Am 7 B /D#

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
2. I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, no sud-den
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

Em A7/E G/D (Am/D) D7 G G7 F/G

earth; through all its puls - es move. Stoop to my weak - ness,
rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel mes - sen -
own, soul, heart and strength and mind; I see thy cross; there
strug - gles of the soul to bear, to face the ris - ing
pas - sion fill - ing all my frame: the bap - tism of the

G7 (F/G G7 F/G) C 6 G7/D Fsus#4-3 C/GF/A C/G G7 C

migh - ty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
ger, no o - peningskies, but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
teach my heart to cling: oh let me seek thee and oh let me find.
doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
heaven de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar and thy love the flame.

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We are one in the Spirit

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT Irregular with refrain

Fm Cm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fath - er, from

Cm Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, we are one in the
 walk hand in hand, we will walk with each
 work side by side, we will work with each
 whom all things come, and all praise to Christ

Fm Cm Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
 Je - sus, who is God's on - ly Son, and all

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Bbm Cm Fm Cm7

pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

Fm Fm7 Db Cm

stored,
 land,
 pride,
 one,
 and they'll know we are Chris-tians by our

Fm /Eb Db Fm Fm

love, by our love, and they'll know we are

Bbm Cm Fm

Chris - tians by our love.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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)
	_____	_____	_____
	\$ 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.

Stewardship Moment



Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called
in the one body.
And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

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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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Prompts for Reflection



The Feast of Pentecost is a spectacular scene—rushing winds, light like tongues of fire, apostles speaking fifteen different tongues—the Church crossed the boundaries of nations and continents.

The Christian story of Pentecost is found in the second chapter of Acts, written near the end of the first century by the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke. The story is filled with richly symbolic language drawn from the Jewish tradition.

As the author tells the story, the Spirit came upon the community with the sound of a "rushing wind" and with "tongues of fire" resting on each of them. In the Hebrew Bible, "wind" and "fire" are both associated with the presence of God. In Hebrew, the same word means both "wind" and "spirit," as in the creation story where the divine wind (or spirit) moves over the primordial waters (*Genesis 1:2*). So also, fire is an image for the divine presence, famously in the story of Moses and the bush that burned without being consumed (*Exodus 3:1-6*).

As it was at the beginning of creation, at the beginning of Israel's story in the Exodus, so now at the beginning of the church's story on Pentecost, the Spirit of God is again at work.

The Holy Spirit fired up this movement called the church, and set the stage for its explosive growth which crossed the boundaries of nations and continents.

The church today, not as an institution, but as a movement, can only continue in the power of that same Spirit.

-- *Nick Athanasiadis*