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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  
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 25, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship and Baptism Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Seke Fowode

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Pastorale in F Major*

R. Dubois

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Introit *Jesus, We Are Gathered* - Words & Music by P. Matsikenyiri

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*Jesus, we are gathered; Jesus, we are gathered;  
Jesus, we are gathered; we are gathered together with you.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been created in the image of God.

**Congregation: We are created to love our brothers and sisters,  
All children of God.**

Christ has shown us how to love one another.  
And we are called to share that love with the world.

**Let us worship God!**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone,  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ  
and with his church.

Through it we share  
in the death and resurrection of Christ  
and are commissioned to his service.

**In Baptism, water is administered  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
The water signifies the washing away of sin,  
the start of new life in Christ,  
and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
God acts through Baptism.  
It is the sacrament not of what we do  
but of what God has done for us in Christ.  
God's grace and our response to it  
are not tied to the moment of Baptism,  
but continue and deepen throughout life.  
It is a sacrament meant  
for those who profess their faith  
and for their children.  
Together we are the family of God.

**Baptism is also an act of discipleship  
that requires commitment  
and looks towards growth in Christ.  
Those baptized in infancy  
are called in later years  
to make personal profession of Christ.  
What is born may die.  
What is grafted may wither.  
Congregations and those baptized  
must strive to nurture life in Christ.**

Baptism assures us that we belong to God.  
In life and in death  
our greatest comfort is that we belong  
to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

\* HYMN – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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### THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

BAPTISM: *Lyla Carol Williams*

*During the summer, children are welcome to participate in the Faith Finders program in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall. Parents please pick up your children after the service.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 12, 17)

**Genesis 16:1-15; 21: 8-19**

SERMON: *Borderlands*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Sing Joyfully*

Adrian Batten

*O sing joyfully, O sing joyfully unto God our strength:  
make a cheerful noise, make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up, blow up the trumpet in the new moon:  
ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.*

\* 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 – In Christ There is No East or West

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1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, companions in the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who loves and serves the one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March of the Choristers*

R. Dubois

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!

## 521 Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTTGART 8787

F C/E Dm /C Bb6 C F C/E F Bb Csus4-3 F

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign,  
 2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
 3. Child of joy, our dear-est treas-ure, God's you are; from God you came.  
 4. Child of God, your lov-ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are;

Dm Gm6/D A/C# Dm Bb6 F/C C F/A Bb F Dm Csus4-3 7 F

with this wa - ter God hassealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

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## Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8787

Eb (Fm/Eb Ebmaj7) Ab/Eb (Ebmaj7Fm/EbEb) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) Eb/G Fm7 (Eb/G) Bb



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



Ab Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C (Bb6 Ab6 Eb/G) Fm (Eb/G Fm/Ab) Cm Ab6 Bb7 Eb



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.  
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
 we shall find such harmony,  
 born of all we've known together  
 of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
 let me be as Christ to you;  
 pray that I may have the grace to  
 let you be my servant too.

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Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be away on vacation from June 30 – July 14.  
 The Rev. David Moody will be the Worship Leader on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Rev. Cathy Stewart will be the Worship Leader on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer, children are welcome to participate in the Faith Finders program in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall. Parents please pick up your children after the service. Nursery is available for our young ones aged 3 and under.

For any pastoral concerns in the next 3 weeks, please contact Helena in the church office (905-522-9098 ext. 0 or [helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca)).

Central’s Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or [carpenterfamily@sympatico](mailto:carpenterfamily@sympatico).

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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please let Helena know ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098).

CPC Statement of Welcome: [www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/)

Word of the Day:

*So [Sarah] said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” (Genesis 21:10)*

### 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](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca), include your envelope # or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving)

#### Revenues as of May 31, 2023

		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Short) of Budget</u>
<b>Congregational Givings</b>		\$ 96,927	\$ 71,855	\$ (25,072)
<b>Other Revenue</b>		26,455	26,106	(349)
<b>Trustees as Budgeted</b>		78,645	78,645	-
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		<b>\$ 202,027</b>	<b>\$ 176,606</b>	<b>\$ (25,421)</b>
		_____	_____	_____

**Note: There is a shortfall between budgeted and actual revenues.**

# Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is not about raising money;  
it's about raising Christians  
who willingly trust God.

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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

It is easy to pass judgement from one era on to another.

But is there a word from the Lord for us here?

One word we may receive is that no one person, or group has a monopoly on being loved and welcomed by the Creator God.



God is greater than all our divisions and certainly greater than all our religions. At its best, any great religious tradition opens a path to the divine. But it is one path.

Following from this we need not be intimidated when anyone presumes to speak in the name of God, whether this be the father of Jesus Christ, or Yahweh, or Allah. We all have access to God when we come honestly through our spiritual tradition.

We each also have a moral obligation to call evil, evil, in whatever form we confront it. We need not be intimidated.

Even more challenging, we are all called to love and care. These are not nice sentiments. Love and care can make the difference between liberation and enslavement, life and death. Certainly, the way of violence leads exactly there, to violence. It is a trap and always has been. It is basic instinct to react to violence with violence, but you can never escape. It is only repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation, that can spring the trap.

-- Nick Athanasiadis