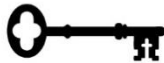




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

July 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Soloist – Emma Reilly McKay
Flautist – Sara Traficante
Lector – Tom Sproule

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

** Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE Sonata No. 2 in E-flat Major
Siciliano and Allegro

J. S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God;
Congregation: **We have come to worship and praise God's name.**
We gather in joy and expectancy;
We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.
Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;
Speak your Word of life to us, O God.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In these words of affirmation, we are invited to reflect on our own faith and to renew our commitment.

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 revealed as the great *I AM*, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died, but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit, and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus Christ, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(The Iona Community Worship Book, revised edition, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 1991, p. 44)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 86:1-13 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

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. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones aged 3 and under throughout the entire service.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 14)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42

SERMON: *Wheat and Weeds*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "*Ich folge dir gleichfalls*" from *St. John Passion*

J. S. Bach
Emma Reilly McKay, soloist
Sara Traficante, flute

*I follow You likewise with happy steps,
and do not leave You, my Life, my Light.*

*Pursue your journey, and don't stop,
continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me.*

* 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 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

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1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro from Sonata No. 5

G. Ph. Telemann

God, reveal your presence

ARNSBERG (REVERENCE) 6 6 8 D 3 3 6 6

G C7/B Dsus4-3 Em Em/G Bsus4-3

1. God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 Ho - ly is your tem - ple: all with - in keep si - lence,
 2. In God's ho - ly pres - ence: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing,
 3. Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pur - i - fy my spir - it;
 Like the ho - ly an - gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing,

Words: German, Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769); translation, Frederick William Foster (1760-1835), and John Miller (1756-1790); alterations, William Mercer (1811-1873), alt
 Music: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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C C/E G Em D G Dsus4-3 G C D G

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you.
 hum - bly bow with deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone now we own,
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing;
 an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here;
 all my trust is in your mer - it.
 we a - dore, ho - san - nas rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still

D G/B C G Dsus4-3 G G/B G Am G/B C6 D7 G

as our God and Sav - iour: praise your name for - ev - er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 rule your church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

Word of the Day:

But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest.

(Matthew 13: 29-30)

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!



For any pastoral concerns in the next week, please contact Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 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.

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 ext. 0).

CPC Statement of Welcome:

www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

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.

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

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.

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can choose to 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 June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
Congregational Givings	\$ 114,550	\$ 86,719	\$ (27,831)
Other Revenue	31,746	36,487	4,741
Trustees as budgeted	90,217	90,217	-
	\$ 236,513	\$ 213,423	\$ (23,090)

Note: There is a shortfall between budgeted and actual revenues and Trustees providing support.

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.

Stewardship Moment

The power of the future
lies not in the hands
of those who believe in scarcity,
but of those who trust
God's abundance.

Walter Brueggemann

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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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the Wheat & the Weeds



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