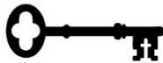




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 20, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist - Katie Weresch

Lector - Dr. Chris Allen

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary No. 1, Op. 7: Adagio*

J. Stanley

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the people praise God;

Congregation: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

For God guide us all with justice and equity.

Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Welcoming God,

you make all things new.

You invite all people to receive your blessing.

Justice and right relations have their source in you.

We are filled with joy to be counted among your children.

As we gather, make us one in witness and worship.

Together, we lift our voices to proclaim your all-encompassing love.

May our praise join with the praise of all your people,

and reach the ends of the earth,

for you are our Maker and the hope of the world you love.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.

Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community;

and those times we have avoided others

because something about them made us uncomfortable.

Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly.

Reveal to us our own prejudices,

and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say, be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

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

* HYMN - God of Mercy, God of Grace

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1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 9.1.1-9.1.3 (p. 26)

* HYMN - In Loving Partnership

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 133 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. 17)

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON: **Church Inside Out**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Lord, Speak to Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.
2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *St. Peter Aria*

Sir J. Benedict
Katie Weresch, Alto soloist

*O Thou afflicted, and tossed with tempest, afflicted and not comforted;
Behold, behold in righteousness shalt Thou be established;
Thou shalt be far from oppression, for Thou shalt not fear, and from terror,
for it shall not come near Thee.
No weapon against Thee shall prosper, and every tongue in judgement Thou shalt condemn.*

* 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

Living God,
people of all places and times have reached out to you in times of desperation,
with so many different needs.
You have compassion for each one
and so we thank you for the depth of your love.
This day we set before you our many different hopes and concerns.
Fill us with your compassion as we pray from the breadth and depth of our lives:

We pray for all that we are and all that we do,
all we wish we could do and all we long for...
(silence for 10 seconds ...)

We pray for everything we work for in our church and community,
and everything we hope for in the face of so much change....
(silence for 10 seconds)

We pray for the choices we face in our country and community,
in our homes and workplaces,
and for all the responsibilities we bear in our different roles...
(silence for 10 seconds)

We pray for the troubles that weary us, the situations that puzzle us
and the uncertainty that surrounds us...
(silence for 10 seconds)

We remember before you each situation that worries us
and each person we care about....
(silence for 10 seconds)

Living Christ, you are the Source of peace and new possibility for us all.
Help us trust in your grace for today and tomorrow.
Fill us with the strength and hope we need to walk with you, united in your love.
For it is as your loyal followers we dare to pray the words you taught us:

**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 – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary No. 1, Op. 7: Allegro*

J. Stanley

Word of the Day:

“Have mercy on me, Lord, Song of David.”

- Matthew 15:22b

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!

Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be on study leave from August 16-August 30, serving in a small rural congregation in Metis Qc. but also engaging in a self-directed study in the area of Religion from the Paleolithic to the Axial Age.

The Rev. Lois Whitwell will be leading worship on Sunday August 20th and 27th.

For any pastoral concerns, 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).

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

Central Presbyterian Church

God's Love Includes Everyone

We strive to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community unified in Jesus Christ. As an inclusive congregation, we joyfully affirm and honour the diversity of God's creation. Our community is richer when we include people of all ages, gender identities, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, economic circumstances and family configurations. We proclaim this statement of inclusion to all who have experienced the pain of exclusion or discrimination by the church and society. All are invited to join a body of believers, to participate fully in the life, leadership, witness and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge we are imperfect and in different stages of our faith journey. **No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.**

CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

Mission
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In loving partnership

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: D, A7/C#, D, G, Em6/G, D. Lyrics: 1. In lov - ing part - ner - ship we come, 2. We are the hands and feet of Christ, 3. Lov - ing com - mu - ni - ty we seek; 4. In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God,

System 2: Chords: D/F#, G, G6, D/F#, Em7, A7/E, D. Lyrics: seek - ing, O God, your will to do. serv - ing by grace each oth - er's need. your hope and strength with - in us move. help us your fu - ture to pro - claim.

System 3: Chords: G, F#sus4 - 3, Bm, Asus4 - 3, D (maj7). Lyrics: Our prayers and ac - tions now re - ceive; We dare to risk and ri - sac - ri - fice; The poor and rich, the strong and weak Jus - tice and peace be our de - sire,

System 4: Chords: G/B, A, G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A, 7, D. Lyrics: we free - ly of - fer them to you. with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed. are brought to - geth - er in your love. we hum - bly pray in Je - sus' name.

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8787

Eb (Fm/Eb Ebmaj7) Ab/Eb (Ebmaj7 Fm/Eb Eb) 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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Congregational Givings

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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

	<u>Revenues as of July 31, 2023</u>		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
Congregational Givings	\$ 136,579	\$ 116,343	\$ (20,236)
Other Revenue	43,102	40,378	(2,724)
Trustees as budgeted	119,681	119,681	-
	\$ 299,362	\$ 276,402	\$ (22,960)

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



**Love cannot remain
by itself—
it has no meaning.
Love has to be put
into action
and that action
is service.**

Mother Teresa

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.

“PLEASE HELP !!!”

The Mission committee is in the process of putting together 50 hygiene bags for HOOTC (Hamilton Out of the Cold) to be used at their discretion to aid folks on the street who can't afford the simple luxury of every day hygiene necessities. We are still in need of 50 travel size shampoo and deodorant. If 50 people in the congregation would each supply 1 shampoo and 1 deodorant (travel size only) that would help us to complete this most needed outreach. Gloria, Shirley, Janet or Jim will be at Central's front entrance on Sunday, with a basket to receive these donations.

Many thanks in advance: The Mission Committee

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

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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