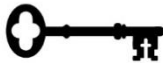




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 27, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Katie Weresch

Lector – Lynn DeGrace

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary and Interlude in F Major*

R. Dubois

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts,

Congregation: for God’s faithful love endures forever.

We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

for God’s promises declare God’s goodness to all the earth.

We place our trust in in God with full confidence,

and so we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God,

you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow,
and yet you come to us afresh each new day.

You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged.

You offer healing for what is worn or broken.

You restore hope when things seem impossible.

You are the source of life and love for all your creatures,
and you renew us to put our love for you
into action for the wellbeing of your creation.

And so we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
offering our prayers and praise to you,
eternal and ever-present God, now and always. Amen.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have strayed from your purposes.

You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world.

**You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom,
but we wait for others to do what needs doing.**

Forgive us for taking the easy way out,

and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God’s generous grace. So let us make a fresh start today!

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

* HYMN – Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song 412 (see p. 6)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 3.2.1-3.2.4 (page 10)

* HYMN – When Morning Gilds the Skies 438 (see pgs. 7-8)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138 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. 18)

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: **Questions?**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated 637

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Theodora Aria*

G. F. Handel
Katie Weresch, Alto soloist

*Lord, to Thee, each night and day, Strong in hope we sing and pray.
Though convulsive rocks the ground, And Thy thunders roll around,
Still to Thee, each night and day we sing and pray.*

* 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

Life-giving God,
you equip your people with gifts to work for your kingdom,
bringing justice and peace to every land and community.
We thank you that you will work through us,
even when we don't feel equal to the task.
Help us recognize your Spirit at work among us.

Through your Spirit, O God, you give the gift of prophecy.
With this gift, empower the church to speak words of justice and truth
into situations where people are exploited or treated unfairly.
Guide us to bring change for good in the world, and bring hope to the hopeless.

In the example of your Son Jesus, O God, you give the gift of serving.
With this gift, encourage your servant Church to work with those made vulnerable
by structures of power and privilege.
Show us how to share the abundance in our country with lives and communities
that often lack even basic resources.

With the inspiration of your Spirit, O God, you give the gift of teaching.
As a church that values teaching, engage us to support access to education for every child.
We pray for teachers and students as they prepare for another year of working together.
Help us encourage each person who shares in a learning community this year.

Through the love and compassion of Christ, O God, you give the gift of encouragement.
As a congregation, show us where and how to reach out to hearten any who are struggling.
Give us the words and actions to comfort those who mourn,
to be companions to those coping with mental or physical illness,
and support any who feel isolated or left behind.

Through the examples of prophets and apostles, O God, you give the gift of leadership.
Call up leaders within the Church to build up our ministries
and model respectful ways of living and loving together.
Call up leaders in our nation and neighbourhood who model respect
and attend to the common good and the needs of the earth itself.

Gift-giving God, we are grateful for all the people in whom we meet your gifts at work.
Inspire us to add our energy and experience to the care of creation
as the loyal followers of Jesus who embodied all your gifts
and taught us to pray together:

**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 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a strong abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading
light by night and shade by day
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
we, through grace, a part may claim,
let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marche Joyeuse*

R. Dubois

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C C/B Am G6 F G

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song;
 2. O thirs-ty soul, come drink at the well;
 3. You dwell a - mong us and cause us to pray, and
 4. Des-erts shall bloom and moun - tains shall sing

Em Am Am/G F G

we have stood si - lent - ly too long;
 God's liv - ing wa - ters will nev - er fail.
 walk with each oth - er fol - lowing your way;
 to the de - sire of all liv - ing things.

C C/B Am G6 Fmaj7 G

sure - ly the Lord de - serves our praise, so
 Sure - ly the Lord will help you to stand,
 our prec - ious bro - thers and sis - ters will grow
 Come, all you crea - tures, high and low;

Dm G Am Em F G C

joy - ful - ly thank God for our days.
 strength - ened and com - for - ted by God's hand.
 in the ful - fill - ing love they know.
 let your prais - es end - less - ly flow.

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Worship

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When morning gilds the skies

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Descant

4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,
4. Qu'en joie comme en dé - tres - se nos chants di - sent sans ces - se:

Bb Cm7susBb/D Eb Cm7 F7 Eb/G/F7 Bb F/A Gm7 C Dm7

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:
2. To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:
1. Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chève:
2. Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! be this the e - ter - nal song
bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Que dans tout les lan - ga - ges

C7/E F Bb C7sus4-3 F /Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb F7/A F6

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals too, up - raise
bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se
bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! L'É - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

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through all the a - ges on, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ce soit le chant des â - ges: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

F/Eb Bb/D Bb C6 - 7 F /Eb Bb/Db7/C Bb /Ab Eb/G F7sus4-3 Bb

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 their voice in hymns of praise; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 mon coeur a Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!
 chan - te l'a - mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

3. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let earth and sea and sky,
 from depth to height reply:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 be this the eternal song
 through all the ages on:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. C'est le coeur des louanges
 qu'entonnent tous les anges:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!
 Et que la terre entière
 répète la prière:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!

4. Qu'en joie comme en détresse
 nos chants disent sans cesse:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!
 Que dans tous les langages
 ce soit le chant des âges:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!

Word of the Day:

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- Matthew 16:16 Corinthians 12:8b

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 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



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/>

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

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

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.

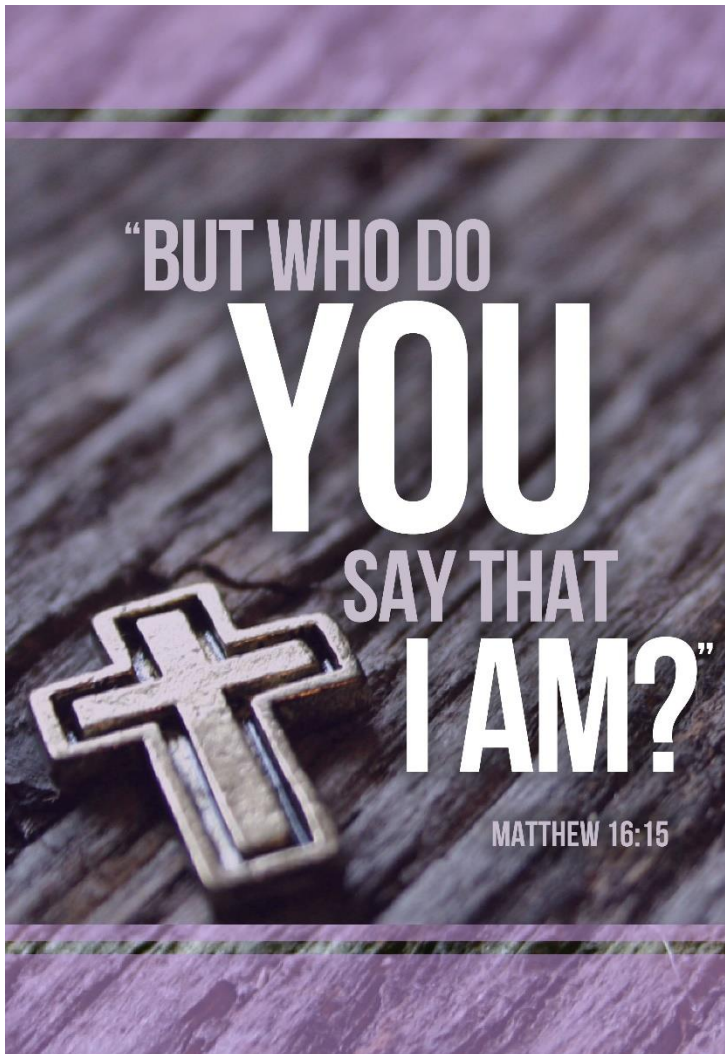
Come Sing With Us . . .



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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