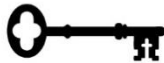




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 6, 2023 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Soloist – Michael Davis  
Lector – Pam Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

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

PRELUDE *Marche Religioso*

C. Gounod

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the moment we open our eyes each morning,  
until we close them at night, God is with us.

**Congregation: There is no one like you, our God!**  
In times when we are surrounded with struggles,  
in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

**There is no one like you, our Brother!**

When we feel orphaned by the world,  
when we are welcomed into faith's family,  
the Holy Spirit is with us.

**There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* HYMN – Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

18 vs. 1-4 (see p. 6)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

\* HYMN - God, You Touch the Earth With Beauty

667 (see p. 7)

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 80:8-19** 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. 198)

Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON: *Apprehended by Christ*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the struggle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. Oh let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within,  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of selfwill;  
oh speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
oh speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be,  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
oh give me grace to follow  
my Saviour and my friend.

### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "A Prayer" (*Celebrated Largo*)

G. F. Handel  
Michael Davis, baritone

\* 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

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### \* HYMN - He Leadeth Me

1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!  
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain)

Refrain:

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, what ever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me!

(Refrain)

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

4. And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

### \* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in B-flat Major*

P. de Monti

Word of the Day:

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 3:14

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Through all the changing scenes of life

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A (/C#) Esus4-3 F#m D A/E E7 /A A

1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in  
 2. Oh mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with  
 3. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the  
 4. Oh taste and see that God is good: ex -

E7/G# A E7/B A /C# A/E E A /C# E7 A /C# E

trou - ble and in joy, the prais - es of my  
 me ex - alt God's name; when in dis - tress and  
 dwell - ings of the just; de - liv - erance God af -  
 pe - rience will de - cide how blest are they, and

A E/G# A A/E E A/C# D 6 Bm E7 A

God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.  
 fear I called, God to my res - cue came.  
 fords to all who seek and hope and trust.  
 on - ly they, who in God's truth con - fide.

## God, you touch the earth with beauty

GLEN BERNARD 8 5 8 5

E $\flat$  E $\flat$ dim E $\flat$  7/G A $\flat$ sus4-3 A $\flat$  A $\flat$ m6 E $\flat$

1. God, you touch the earth with beau - ty; make my heart a - new;  
 2. Like your springs and run - ning wa - ters, make me crys - tal pure;  
 3. Like your danc - ing waves in sun - light, make me glad and free;  
 4. Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, lift my thoughts a - bove;  
 5. God, you touch the earth with beau - ty; make my heart a - new;

E $\flat$ 7/G A $\flat$ sus4-3 A $\flat$  A $\flat$ m6 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ A $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$ 7- 6 E $\flat$

with your Spir - it re - cre - ate me, pure and strong and true.  
 like your rocks of tower - ing gran - deur, make me strong and sure.  
 like the straight - ness of the pine trees, up - right let me be.  
 turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.  
 keep me ev - er by your Spir - it pure and strong and true.

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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, please contact Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or [lois@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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/](http://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.

#### **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](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 June 30, 2023

|                               | Budget     | Actual     | Over (Short) |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Congregational Givings</b> | \$ 114,550 | \$ 86,719  | \$ (27,831)  |
| <b>Other Revenue</b>          | 31,746     | 36,487     | 4,741        |
| <b>Trustees as budgeted</b>   | 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.



**It is easy to get sucked into the vacuum of owned things, and end up finding out that they own you.**

Gordon and Gladis DePree



## 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](mailto: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/>

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

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*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

*General Accountant – Zafar Iqbal*

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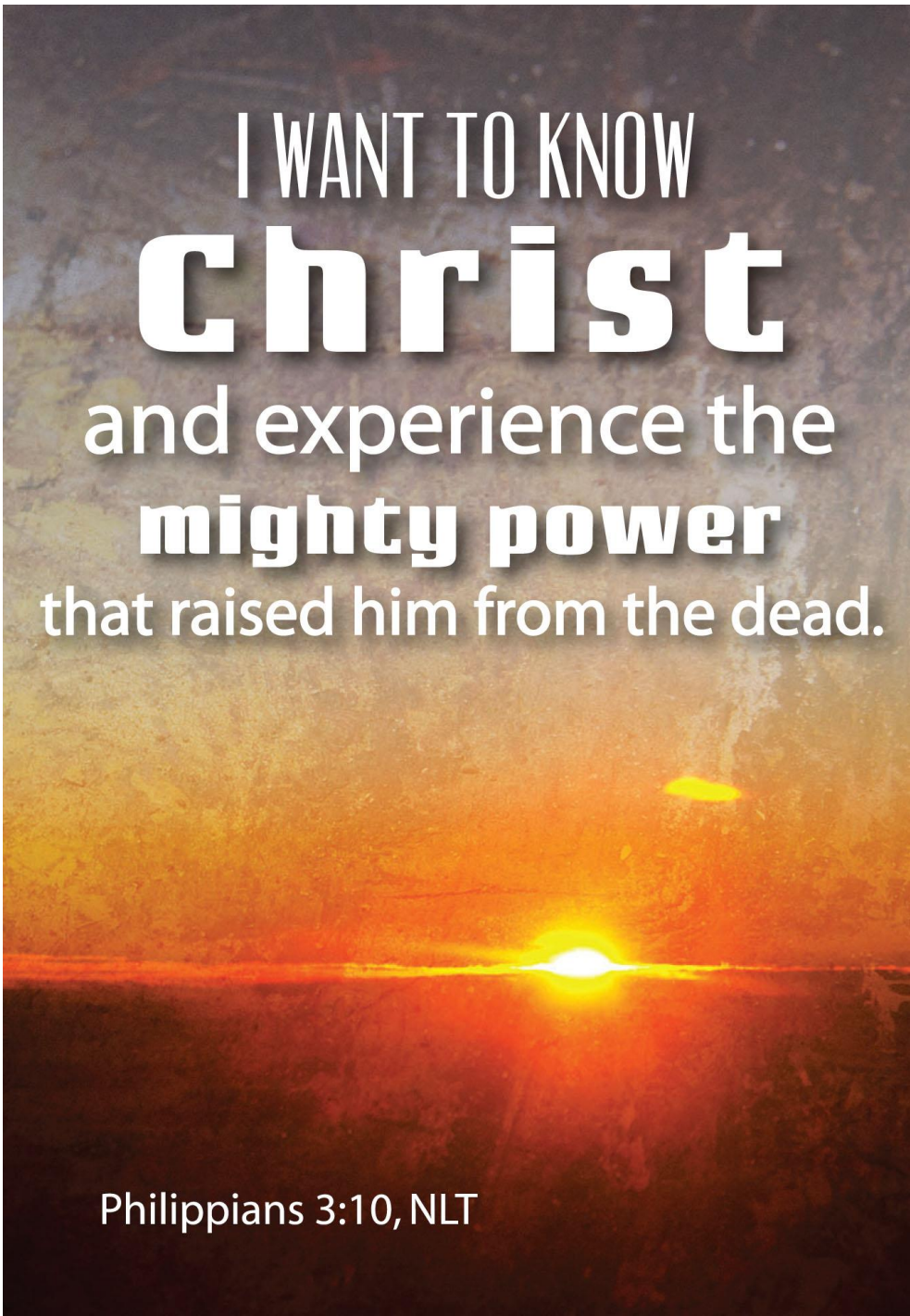
*Custodian – Rob Monkelbaan*

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I WANT TO KNOW  
**Christ**  
and experience the  
**mighty power**  
that raised him from the dead.

Philippians 3:10, NLT