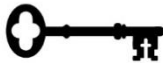




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.

World Communion Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Guest organist and choir director - Emile Swanepoel

Call to Worship – Darragh Patton

Lector – Arlene Quakenbush

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Organ Concerto in G minor, HWV 289: III, Adagio IV, Andante
6 Studies for the Pedal Piano, op. 56

G.F. Händel
Robert Schumann

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT Jesus calls Us Here to Meet Him

528 (see pgs. 8-9)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

O magnify the Lord with me,

let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

(Ps. 34:3)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – Break Now the Bread of Life

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1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.

2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;
your holy word is truth redeeming me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*During the second hymn children are invited to join our Faith Finders,
a program for children SK – Grade 8 in the upstairs Faith Finders room.*

Children will return to the sanctuary prior to communion.

Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 98)

John 6:35-59

SERMON: *“I AM the Bread of Life”*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount, thou light for all to see:
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled again to thee.

2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to those who seek thee thou art good;
to those who find thee, all in all.

3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4. For thee our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

5. O Jesus, always with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Of the glorious Body telling*

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, Hymn for Vespers of Corpus Christi

Music: Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing.*

*Giv'n for us, proceeding forth,
Human form he deigns in love to take.
He is God with us, Emmanuel;
By his death atonement he doth make,
Gives himself for sinners' sake,
Gives himself for sinners' sake.*

*Word made Flesh, by word true bread,
Maketh he his Holy Flesh to be:
Wine his Blood, that all by it refreshed,
From the stain of sin shall now go free:
Faith and love remission see.
Faith and love remission see.
Amen.*

* 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.***

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

* HYMN - All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

534 (see pgs. 10-11)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
for you made us,
and before us, you made the world we inhabit,
and before the world, you made the eternal home
in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular,
all that is plain
have their origin in you;
all that is lovely,
all who are loving
point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are
for the world we know

and the universe beyond our ken,
we particularly praise you,
whom eternity cannot contain,
for coming to earth and entering time
in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living,
for his compassion which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking
which contradicts our harmless generalities,
for his disturbing presence,
 his innocent suffering,
 his fearless dying,
 his rising to life,
we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises
for the promise of the Holy Spirit,
who even yet, even now,
confronts us with your claims
and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church
on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now,
lest we believe
that our praise alone fills your purpose,
we fall silent
and remember him who came
because words were not enough.

Setting our wisdom
our will,
our words aside,
emptying our hearts,
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing,
the holding,
the accepting,
the forgiving
which Christ alone can offer.

(Silence)

Merciful God,
send now,
in kindness,
your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us
from the patterns of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him
whose food we now share.

As our Lord taught us we pray:

**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**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

**Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit,
you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.
We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.
We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.
We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.
And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - Sent Forth By Your Blessing

775 (see pgs. 12 - 13)

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in D major

G.F. Händel

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!

Communion

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Jesus calls us here to meet him

JESUS CALLS US 8 7 8 7 D

Unison F Gm7 F/A Bb6 Am7

1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through
 2. Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
 3. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: found in
 4. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed

Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3 F Gm7

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's
 Life and Lord of all, shar - er of our
 him are no di - vides. Race and class and
 firm in time and space, where the church in

F/C Bb6 Am7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

prom - ised pres - ence where his peo - ple live and care.
 flesh and frail - ness sav - ing all who fail or fall.
 sex and lan - guage: such are bar - riers he de - rides.
 earth and heav - en finds a com - mon meet - ing place.

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F Cm F Dm Bb6

Praise the God who keeps his* prom - ise; praise the
 Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his
 Join the hands of friend and strang - er; join the
 Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the

Am7 Gm7 Csus4 - 3 F Gm7

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful for
 love of which we sing; share the feast for

F/A Bb6 Am7 Dm Gm7 F

who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

* the

All who hunger, gather gladly

HOLY MANNA 8 7 8 7 D

Unison

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. All who hung - er, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hung - er, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hung - er, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is

B♭maj7 Dm C/E Dm C B♭maj7

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Am B♭maj7 C6 F F /E Dm7 /C

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

See also: Holy Manna 305

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B♭maj7 /A Gm7 Dm B♭maj7 C6 B♭sus2 Am7 B♭maj7 Gm7 Csus2 - 3

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat major). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef. The chord progression is indicated above the staff.

F Dm C Gm7 Am B♭maj7 C6 C F

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are 'Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.' The chord progression is indicated above the staff.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen

Words: Matthew 6:9-13; translation, English Language Liturgical Consultation

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Sent forth by your blessing

ASH GROVE 12 11 12 11 D

(C/E) F C/E F Dm Gm /Bb C (Dm7 C/E)

1. Sent forth by your bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, your
The sup - per is end - ed: oh now be ex - tend - ed the
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing the
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F /A Bb (/D) F /C C7 F

peo - ple, O God, from your ta - ble take leave.
fruits of your ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
task of our eve - ry - day life we will face,
brac - ing as neigh - bours all those of each race.

F/A (F) C7/E F C7/G (/E) /G)

The seed of your teach - ing, our hun - gry souls
One feast that has fed us, one light that has

Words: Omer Westendorf (1916-) Music: Welsh traditional

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F C F C#dim Dm C/G G

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for all hu - man -
 led us, u - nite us as one in your life that we

C /E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb (Gm) C (Dm7)

kind. Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 share. Then may all the liv - ing, with praise and thanks - giv - ing,

C/E) F /A Bb (/D) F/C C7 F

to work for your king - dom, your pur - pose to find.
 give hon - our to Christ and his name that we bear.

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/

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).

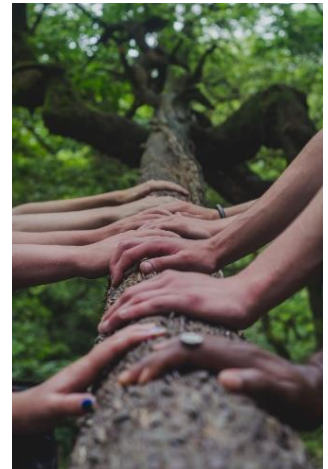
Word of the Day:

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6:35).

Invitation to Membership

There will be an opportunity for adherents and friends of this congregation to become members. Membership is not about being religious or increasing your attendance. Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member.

Please speak to Nick Athanasiadis (Interim Minister) or to Sara Traficanti (Coordinator of Discipleship), if you are considering such a step at this point in your life, or if you would like to know more. We plan to welcome new members on Reformation Sunday October 29.



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.

We extend our condolences to Cathy Keith, and her family, upon the death of her husband, Garey. Garey was a long-time friend of Central, and had been ill for the past year. He passed away on August 24, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Yacht Club in Hamilton on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Cathy and Garey have three children, Erin, Heather, and Christopher.

<https://obituaries.thespec.com/obituary/garey-sterling-keith-1088728146>

Mission Committee Hygiene Bags for HOOTC

The Mission Committee would like to say thank you to our Congregation for their generosity, support and donations. You made it possible for us to put together 25 ladies and 25 men's hygiene bags for HOOTC to distribute as they feel needed. Each bag contains a washcloth, hand soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, shampoo, deodorant, a small Kleenex Pkgs., a small first aid kit (containing: bandages, alcohol wipes, Q-tips, cotton balls, Chapstick, cough candies) for ladies: sanitary pads, for men's: a razor and shaving cream. As a treat a small bag of assorted hard candies.

Blessings to all and thank you for being there for those in need.

The Mission Committee

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.

Volunteer Opportunity:

If you are interested in reading Scripture on Sundays, please let Helena know (helena@cpchamilton.ca). We are in the process of planning a new reader schedule beginning in November.



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

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 August 31, 2023</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>
Congregational Givings	\$ 154,202	\$ 134,896	\$ (19,306)
Other Revenue	48,393	44,623	(3,770)
Trustees as budgeted	131,253	131,253	-
	<u>\$ 333,848</u>	<u>\$ 310,772</u>	<u>\$ (23,076)</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.

Stewardship Moment

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.

Pope Francis



Thanks to all who attended the **Indigenous Circle of Friendship** with **Shannon Thunderbird and Kate Dickson**. Listening, singing, drumming, and dancing together was a wonderful way to learn how to be good neighbours and partners in reconciliation.



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/>

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Saturday, September 30, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Book Sale**
(Central's Fellowship Hall
- see below for more information)
- ~ Sunday, October 1, 10:30 a.m. **World Communion Sunday Worship**
- ~ Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Wednesday, October 4, 3:00-7:00 p.m. **Durand Market**
- ~ Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. **Mission Sunday**
- ~ Friday, October 27, 5 or 6 p.m. ?? **Pumpkin Carving Evening**
- ~ Sunday, October 29, 10:30 p.m. **Reformation Sunday
and New Member Welcome**
- ~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium
*Andromeda Trio***
- ~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch,
and the Wardrobe (Central's Guild Room)**

Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis

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

Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Coordinator of Discipleship - Sara Traficante

General Accountant – Zafar Iqbal

Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma

Custodian – Rob Monkelbaan

Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French

Nursery Coordinator – Cathy Slattery

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Prompts for Reflection

*Goodness isn't always popular, Jesus;
There are those who doubt that it has value,
that fear that goodness only leaves us vulnerable
and unable to navigate the complexities of the real world.
But, we believe that the opposite is true,
that it is goodness that must ultimately prevail,
and that holds the key to the wholeness and happiness we seek.*

*And so we pray for goodness to infiltrate every un-good place,
where callous self-interest humiliates and impoverishes others,
where casual disregard for the common good
undermines security and neighbourliness,
where unexamined or overstated fear addicts us to control,
where our obsession with the immediate
blinds us to the consequences of our actions.*

*Teach us the power of the good,
the healing of the noble,
the life of the praiseworthy,
and capture our hearts that we may give
ourselves to know
your goodness -
the only goodness that is truly worth
pursuing.*

Amen.

(I cannot locate the author of this prayer
but commend it to you -NA)



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