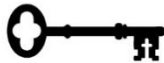




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON
September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Dr. Marilyn Craven

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*
Andante from the 3rd Organ Sonata

J. S. Bach
 F. Mendelssohn

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the past who has fathered and mothered us
Congregation: We are here to thank you.

God of the future who is always ahead of us
We are here to trust you.

God of the present here in the midst of us
We are here to praise you.

God of life beyond us within us
We rejoice in your glorious love.

GATHERING SONG – “Neesa” (Haudenosaunee - Seneca)

Neesa Neesa Neesa x3, Gaiweyo x2
 Translation - Grandmother moon, Creator is everywhere.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 let the field exult, and everything in it.
 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

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.

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN - Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 8.4-8.4.3

**God is always calling the church
 to seek that justice in the world
 which reflects the divine righteousness
 revealed in the Bible.**

**God's justice is seen
 when we deal fairly with each other
 and strive to change customs and practices
 that oppress and enslave others.**

**Justice involves protecting the rights of others.
 It protests against everything that destroys human dignity.**

* HYMN - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the upstairs Faith Finders room. Parents can meet the children there following worship. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 8; 17)

Matthew 8:5-13; 15:21-28

SERMON: *An Encounter of Strangers*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Teach Me, O Lord*

W. Byrd

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.*

*Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.*

*O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee, may fear thee.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.*

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 – For the Healing of the Nations (tune: Hymn 482)

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Faith*

F. Mendelssohn

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!

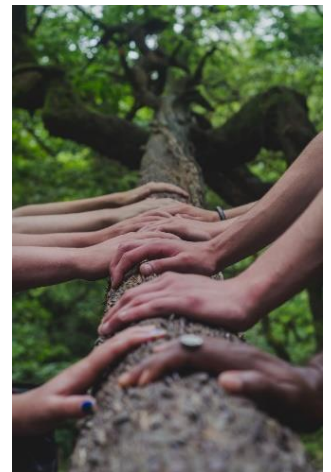
For any pastoral concerns, please contact Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or lois@cpchamilton.ca). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca.

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).

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 Traficante (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.



Sing your praise to God eternal

ARFON (MAJOR) 8 7 8 7 D

G/B Am6 G /F# C/E G D Em C D G

1. Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,
 2. Join the praise of eve - ry crea - ture; sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;
 3. Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;

G Em D /C G/B D7/A G /B D7/F# G Am6 G/B C D7 G

sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.
 when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear the heaven - ly an - ti - phon.
 praise God in our times of sad - ness, for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.

D/F# G /B Am G/B Cmaj7 D G/B D7/A G D/F# C/E Em7 Am D

God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true;
 Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glo - ries, win - ter snows,
 God our Mak - er, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,

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G /F# Em G /F# Am/E Bm/D Em D7/F# G D7 Em Am D G

God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.
 for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.
 liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

Make me a channel of your peace

MAKE ME A CHANNEL 8 10 10 8

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Make me a chan-nel of your peace:

1. where there is ha-tred,
2. where there's des-pair in
4. it is in par-don-

A7

Make me a chan-nel of your peace:

let me bring your love; where there is in-jur-y, your heal-ing
life let me bring hope; where there is dark-ness, on-ly
ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing to all that we re-

where there is ha-tred let me bring your love, your heal-ing
where there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; on-ly
it is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, that we re-

D A7 D Fine

power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
light, and where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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light, and where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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(D7) G D Em

3. O Spir-it, grant that I may nev-er seek so much to be con-

A7 D A7 D (7) G

soled as to con-sole, to be un-der-stood as to un-der-

D Bm E A D.C. al Fine

stand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

We cannot own the sunlit sky

ENDLESS SONG 8787D

F Bb F

1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers
 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night, and, wea-ry, wait for
 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-

F/C C F/C (A) C F Bb6 Bb

grow-ing, for we are part of all that is with-
 morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and
 a-ting a fu-ture free from want or fear, life's

F/A F /C C7 /F F

in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-
 war horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-
 good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons

C (6) F C F C F

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bour, that
 from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-our, that

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Bb F (A) C F C7 F

all may have a-bun-dant life in eve-ry earth-ly na-tion.
 all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bour.
 all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

For the healing of the nations

GRAFTON 878787

Eb Bb Eb/G Eb Cm Bb Eb
 1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions,
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom,
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing,
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten

Eb/G Fm7 Bb7 Eb /G Bb /D Eb Ab/C (Eb/Bb)
 Lord, we pray with one ac - cord, for a just and
 from de - spair your world re - lease, that, re - deemed from
 let it from the earth be banned, pride of sta - tus,
 your great name on hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing

Ab /C Bb /D Cm Eb/G Fm Bb Eb Cm7 Bbsus4-3
 e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.
 war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
 race or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
 in your like - ness bring the life of Christ to mind,

Eb/G Bb/F Eb (/E) (/D) Ab/C Ab6 Bbsus4-3 /Ab
 To a life of love in ac - tion
 Show us how through care and good - ness
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 that, by our re - sponse and serv - ice,

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Eb/G /F Eb (/D) Cm (Ab6) Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb
 help us rise and pledge our word.
 fear will die and hope in - crease.
 may we hal - low life's brief span.
 earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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/



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

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

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Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French

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Stewardship Moment

Gratitude becomes a quality
of our hearts that allows us
to live joyfully and peacefully
even though our struggles continue.

Henri Nouwen

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.

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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 August 31, 2023

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

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.

Prompts for Reflection

Word of the Day:

“We study the Bible’s teachings about how we should relate to the stranger in our midst; the Other, whom we have the power to oppress or uplift, to shun or welcome, to insult or honor, to neglect or protect.”
(David Arnow, Tikkun, vol.19, no.2)

Our feelings one being at last able to quit the Fort, where we had formerly enjoyed much comfort, if not happiness, and latterly experienced such a degree of misery scarcely to be paralleled, may be more easily conceived than described. The Indians treated us with the utmost tenderness, gave us their snowshoes and walked without themselves, keeping by our sides that they might lift us when we fell.

About three miles distant from the house we encamped, as I was unable to continue. The Indians cooked for and fed us as if we had been children, evincing a degree of humanity that would have done honour to the most civilized of nations.

Quoted from the journals kept by Dr. John Richardson (1787-1865)
in A Discovery of Strangers by Rudy Wiebe.



Friday November 16th 1821 Travelling

* Our website has a guide explaining Central Presbyterian Church’s Land Acknowledgement
<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>