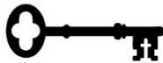




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist and Violinist – Sharon Lee

Lector – James Beloshesky

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

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

PRELUDE *Violin Sonata No. 3 in F Major, Adagio and Allegro*

G. F. Handel  
Sharon Lee, violin

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come God  
Come walk with your people  
For you alone are our strength and glory

**Congregation: And we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
Come walk behind us, beside us, before us  
For you alone are our shelter and direction  
**And we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
Come seek and find and put us right  
For you alone are the light in our darkness  
**And we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
We know you are near  
The sound of your footsteps sets us dancing  
**Help us to praise and worship you.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;  
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, De fender, Redeemer and Friend.

5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Living Faith 6** (page 15)

### \* HYMN - When Israel was in Egypt's Land

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1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go!  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's  
land;  
tell old Pharoah let my people go!

2. The Lord told Moses what to do:  
let my people go!  
to lead the Hebrew people through,  
let my people go!  
(Refrain)

3. As Israel stood by the waterside,  
let my people go!  
at God's command it did divide,  
let my people go!  
(Refrain)

4. When they had reached the other shore  
let my people go!  
they let the song of triumph soar,  
let my people go!  
(Refrain)

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go!  
and let us all in Christ be free,  
let my people go!  
(Refrain)

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

*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. 50)

Exodus 3:1-15

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 12)

Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON: *Does God Exist?*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - Great is Thy Faithfulness

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Major, Andante*

W. A. Mozart

\* 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

\* HYMN - Glory Be to God the Father

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\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in A Major*

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# Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 dactylic

E♭            aug            A♭maj7    A♭6            B♭7            E♭/A♭    E♭

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fath-er;  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

A♭            E♭/G    (B7/F)E♭    F/C    C7    F7    B♭

there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;  
 sun, moon and stars in their cours-es a-bove,  
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

B♭7            E♭            Fm    E♭/G    A♭maj7    A♭6

thou chang-est not; thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
 join with all na-ture in el-o-quent wit-ness  
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row:

Chinese (Mandarin)

Nǐ de xīn shì guāng dà, wǒ Shén wǒ Tian Fù!  
 Zài Nǐ yǒng yuán méi yǒu zhuān dòng yǐng ér,  
 yǒng bù gāi biàn Fu Shén měi tiān shì lián mǐn.  
 Wú shǐ wú zhōng Shàng Zhū sī en bù jīn.

Refrain  
 Nǐ de xīn shì guāng dà. Nǐ de xīn shì guāng dà.  
 Qǐng chén fū qǐng chén gēng jīng lì xīn en,  
 Wǒ suǒ xū yòng Nǐ en shòu fēng fù yù bèi.  
 Nǐ de xīn shì guāng dà, xiān zài wǒ shēn.

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Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain Bb Ab/Eb Eb C7 Fmsus4-3

Great is thy faith - ful-ness; great is thy faith - ful-ness;

Bb7 Eb Ebm6 Bb Eb/F F7 Bb

morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Ab maj7 Ab6

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

# Glory be to God the Father

REGENT SQUARE 878787

Descant

3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

B $\flat$  /D B $\flat$  /F F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D G $\flat$ m

1. Glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, glo - ry be to  
 2. Glo - ry to the One who loved us, washed us from each  
 3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

hymns pro - long; "Hon - our rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

F/A F7 B $\flat$  /F /D B $\flat$  Cm G $\flat$ m/D D

God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 sin and stain; glo - ry to the One who bought us,  
 hymns pro - long; "Hon - our, rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

See also: Regent Square 143

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ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F F  
 God al - might - y, Three - in - One! Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 raised us up to serve and reign. Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.  
 Bb 7 Eb Cm Bb/D Cm/Eb Gm F 7 Bb  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain.  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.

### Optional Verse

1. Glory be to God our Maker,  
 God Redeemer, holy Son;  
 glory be to God the Spirit,  
 God almighty, Three-in-One!  
 Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
 while eternal ages run.



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).

Word of the Day:

*God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' (Exodus 3: 14).*

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.



**“PLEASE HELP !!!”**

The Misson 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 everyday 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

**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 July 31, 2023**

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

**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](mailto:music@cpchamilton.ca)

## Stewardship Moment

Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give.

We can give time, we can give our expertise,



we can give our love or simply give a smile.

What does that cost?

The point is,

none of us can ever run out  
of something worthwhile to give.

Steve Goodier

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### **Knit and Knatter:**

Our Knit and Knatter group is restarting after the summer break on Tuesday, September 12. The group meets each Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. – noon, and everyone is welcome. Knitting needles and yarn are provided, and even some knitting help. Please contact Jean Williams if you have any questions about Knit and Knatter (905-388-5453 or email: [myomajejan1@gmail.com](mailto:myomajejan1@gmail.com)).

### **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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*God said to Moses,*

**“I AM  
WHO  
I AM.”**

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THIS IS MY  
NAME FOREVER,  
THE NAME YOU  
SHALL CALL ME.”

**EXODUS 3:14-15, NIV**