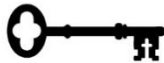




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Mission Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Guest Preacher – Dr. Mary Guise

Guest organist and choir director - Emile Swanepoel

Affirmation of Faith – Shirley Fredlander

Lector – Karen Finch

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Keyboard Sonata in B Minor, WQ.55, No.3 Cantabile Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – Send Me, Lord

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Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, you come to greet us
Stooping as a servant low –
Bring the ways of God to meet us,
Of his grace the fullness show.

Congregation: **Mystery of love’s outpouring,
Deep beyond our human sight,
Send our earthbound spirits soaring,
Re-create us in your light.** (Leith Fisher)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Our Mission

As God sent Christ to us,
so Christ sends us into the world.
We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed.

**Mission is evangelism,
the offer of salvation to all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
to be received through faith in Christ.
It asks people to repent of their sins,
to trust Christ,
to be baptized,
and to enter a life honouring Jesus as Lord.**

Mission is service,
a call to help people in need and
to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.

* HYMN – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 68:4-10 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 29)

Matthew 25:31-45

SERMON: *Work Which is Needed*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Be Thou my Vision*

Words: Ancient Irish Hymn versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Musical setting: Stephen Chatman

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

* 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 – Lord of Light, Whose Name and Splendour

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533*

J.S. Bach (1685 –1750)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

CHEREPONI 7 7 8 with refrain

Refrain

F /A Gm6

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

C7 F /A Bb6 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bours we have from you.

F Dm7 Gm /Bb C7 /E

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bours are rich and poor, var - ied in col - our and
 3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F /A Dm /C Bb6 C7 F

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bours are near and far a - way.
 love; all are neigh-bours to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live with you.

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8787

Eb (Fm/Eb Ebmaj7) Ab/Eb (Ebmaj7Fm/Eb Eb) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) Eb/G Fm7 (Eb/G) Bb



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



Ab Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C (Bb6 Ab6 Eb/G) Fm (Eb/G Fm/Ab) Cm Ab6 Bb7 Eb



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

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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). 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>

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/



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



**Honor the LORD
with your substance
and with the
first fruits
of all your produce.**

Proverbs 3:9

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.

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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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. **Mission Sunday**
- ~ Tuesday, October 17 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Fall Festival**
- ~ Sunday, October 29, 10:30 p.m. **Reformation Sunday
and New Member Welcome**
- ~ Wednesday, November 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Prime Time online**
- ~ Thursday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. – noon **Senior’s In-person Gathering** (Guild Room)
- ~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert: In Memoriam
Andromeda Trio**
- ~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch,
and the Wardrobe** (Guild Room)

The books in the Fellowship Hall are available to anyone who wishes to take them. They were part of a pop-up book sale held by **Hamilton Out of the Cold** as a fund raiser. Should you wish to make a donation, please do so by going to the Hamilton Out of the Cold website and clicking on the “Donate” button. [Donate – Hamilton Out of the Cold](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: On Saturday, October 21, we will have a kitchen clean-up from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon. This involves cleaning all cupboards and drawers in the kitchen as well as the refrigerator and freezer. All volunteers are welcome. Bring a pail and some cleaning cloths and we will complete the job in the morning. Thanks. Mary Guise

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.

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 Central Presbyterian Church’s Land Acknowledgement

Prompts for Reflection



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Word of the Day:

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

(Matthew 25: 40)

Ekklesia, the Greek New Testament word for church, indicated that this was to be a community of those called out, called out of the world to live in the world in a new way.

One can see this especially in the communities Paul founded across the Eastern Mediterranean. They all confessed one simple confession "Jesus is Lord." In this simple confession they stood in contrast to the apparent reality that Caesar is lord. Not seeking honours but living humbly, choosing suffering rather than aligning with power, and living in simplicity rather than hoarding wealth, they became living witnesses of an alternative way of living. A way of living which met needs: physical needs for food and shelter; emotional needs to belong to a group of loving people; spiritual needs to live without fear from the evil that would overcome your soul.

Today we still very much need such alternative communities in every community, living faithfully to keep human life human.

- Nick Athanasiadis