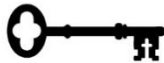




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

March 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Abigail Weresch

Lector – Johanna DeBruin

Greeters – Nancy Rundle & Melodie Robertson-Pritchard

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Lenten Supplication*

T. Birchwood

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *How Lovely, Lord, How Love*

53 vs. 1

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Young and old
Friends and strangers
God welcomes us.

**Congregation: Lost and bewildered
Found and rejoicing
God welcomes us.**

Proud of our success
Afraid of our poverty
God welcomes us.

**This morning, this day
This night, for ever
God welcomes us with an embrace.**

Our message is this:
God welcomes sinners
And eats with them.

**Our hope is this:
God welcomes sinners
And eats with them.**

Our home is this:
God welcomes sinners
And eats with them.

(Eggs and Ashes – Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill, Wild Goose, 2004)

HYMN – God, Reveal Your Presence

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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 – Be Still and Know That I Am God

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1. Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
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2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

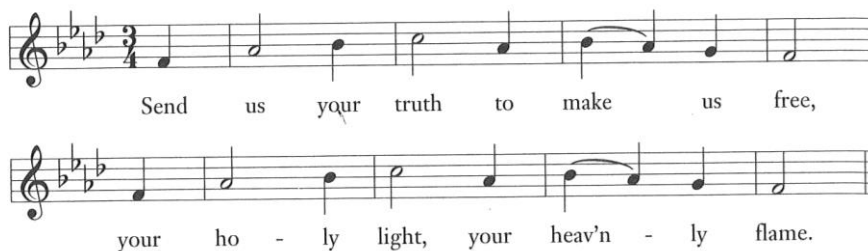
GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 44:13-26** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I (Psalm 42)**

*The psalmist seems earnest in their assertion that this present suffering is **not** a judgment for sin, and that their current torment feels as though God has abandoned them.*

REFRAIN I PCC

O FILII ET FILIAE
trad. French



Send us your truth to make us free,
your ho - ly light, your heav'n - ly flame.

You have made us the taunt of our neighbours,
the derision and scorn of those around us.
You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.

**All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face
at the words of the taunters and revilers,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger. R**

All this has come upon us,
yet we have not forgotten you,
or been false to your covenant.

**Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way,
yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals,
and covered us with deep darkness. R**

If we had forgotten the name of our God,
or spread out our hands to a strange god,
would not God discover this?

**For God knows the secrets of the heart.
Because of you we are being killed all day long,
and accounted as sheep for the slaughter. R**

Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord?

Awake, do not cast us off forever! R

Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

For we sink down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.

**Rise up, come to our help.
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love. R**

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 Job--selections from chapters 38, 40 & 42 (Translation by Stephen Mitchell)

SERMON: *"Out of the Whirlwind"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Open My Eyes, That I May See

500 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Lamb of God Most Holy* J. Eccard, Ed. by C. Marshall

*O Lamb of God most holy, Who, on the Cross will languish,
Patient through all Thy sorrows, Though mocked amid Thine anguish,
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reign'd o'er us.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesu.*

* 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 (sung)

831

**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 debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors,
As we forgive our debtors,
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 - O Lord My God!

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Faith The Cornerstone*

E. Broughton

God, reveal your presence

ARNSBERG (REVERENCE) 6 6 8 D 3 3 6 6

G G/B Dsus4-3 Em Em/G Bsus4-3

1. God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
Ho - ly is your tem - ple: all with - in keep si - lence,

2. In God's ho - ly pres - ence: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing,

3. Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pur - i - fy my spir - it;
Like the ho - ly an - gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing,

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C C/E G Em D G Dsus4-3 G C D G

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you.
hum - bly bow with deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone now we own,
see the crowds the thronesur - round - ing;
an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here;
all my trust is in your mer - it.
we a - dore, ho - san - nas rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still

D G/B C G Dsus4-3 G G/B G Am G/B C6 D7 G

as our God and Sav - iour: praise your name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
rule your church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

Open my eyes, that I may see

OPEN MY EYES 8 8 9 8 with refrain

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab6 Ab

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear,
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth eve - ry - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, eve - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see;

(Eb/Bb Ab/C) Ab7C# Db(6) Eb7 Ab

o - pen my eyes:
 o - pen my ears: il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart:

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332 O Lord my God! / How great thou art

O STORE GUD 11 10 11 10 with refrain (10 8 10 8)

Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb Em7b5 Edim

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cia-ma-tion and take me

Bb/F F6 F7 Bb

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

F7/C Bb/DEb Em7b5 Edim Bb/F F6 F7

hear the roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou

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Bb Bb7/D Eb Ebdim Eb Bb

played,
breeze,
sin,
art!

then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee,

/F F7 F F7 Bb Bb7/D

How great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Eb Ebdim Eb Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb6 G/D Cm F7 Bb

Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art!

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 inform Helena (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/

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, or send a cheque to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca. Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

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.

Lent Study 2024

This year, we will be joining the Presbyterians Read Lent Book Study 2024: "A 40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich."

Two study meetings at Central, facilitated by Sara Traficante.

Sunday, March 3 and 17, 9:00am - 10:00am, with coffee and muffins, in the Allan Room.

Email sara@cpchamilton.ca to register or call the church office.

All are invited to join in the online conversation on the Presbyterian Reads Facebook page, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset.

Learn more about the study and link to the Facebook discussion here -

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>

Please contact Sara for more information. The E-book version is available for purchase through major online retailers.



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

Please mark your calendars!! We will be hosting a **Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 4**, in the church hall.

But first, we need your help! We will be accepting donations of the following items:

- jewelry and accessories
- cookbooks
- children's toys
- board games
- small appliances or tools
- sporting goods
- lamps and small furniture items
- picture frames, artwork, and decor
- kitchen items and housewares



We will **not** be accepting clothing, books other than cookbooks, or large furniture items, such as beds or couches. All donations will be accepted at the church the week of April 29 - please watch for further details closer to the date.

All proceeds will be directed into our church budget. Thank you for your support in this ministry!

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, March 17, 9:00 a.m.	Lent Study (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service
~ Monday, March 18, 10 a.m.-noon	Hamilton Out of the Cold Café
~ Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.- noon	Knit and Knatter Group
~ Thursday, March 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go
~ Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.	Palm - Passion Sunday Worship Service
~ Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.	Central's Book Club (Allan Room)
~ Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
~ Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Choir Concert
~ Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship - Christ is Risen!
~ Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 p.m.	Prime Time online
~ Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering
~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.	Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher & Lunch
~ Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.	The Knitting Pilgrim
~ Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.	Music @ Central: Charlton String Quartet
~ Saturday, May 4	Spring Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)

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

<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

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Holy Week

March 24, 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship Palm-Passion Sunday

All Ages Worship with Central choir, children and youth, & special guests the **Cantilon Chamber Choir**, widely recognized as one of Canada’s leading choral ensembles. Founded in 1999 by conductor, Heather Johnson, the choir of 33 singers ages 12-20 will perform compositions by Mozart, Schutz, Pergolesi and Faure – as we move liturgically from Palm Sunday into Passion Week.



March 28, 7:00 PM Service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, Maundy from the Latin *Mandatum*, meaning commandment. Jesus said, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*’ (John 13: 34-35).

This night is a time to remember Jesus’ vision of beloved community—to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. This night, we remember the events of Jesus’ last night with his disciples.



March 29, 7:00 P.M. Concert Featuring Howard Goodall’s “Eternal Light” Requiem

Concert presented by the Central Presbyterian Choir and Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Marcus Scholtes. Freewill offering at the door.

On this, a most faithful and a most fateful day in the long history of God's people, we reach the climax in the unfolding drama of the life and ministry of Jesus.



March 31, 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship

The Hamilton Brass Quintet

We celebrate the resurrection!

Early on that morning, the first witnesses tell us: their alarm subsided, their courage deepened, their trauma healed, and their amazement grew. They learned how to choose hope.



Prompts for Reflection

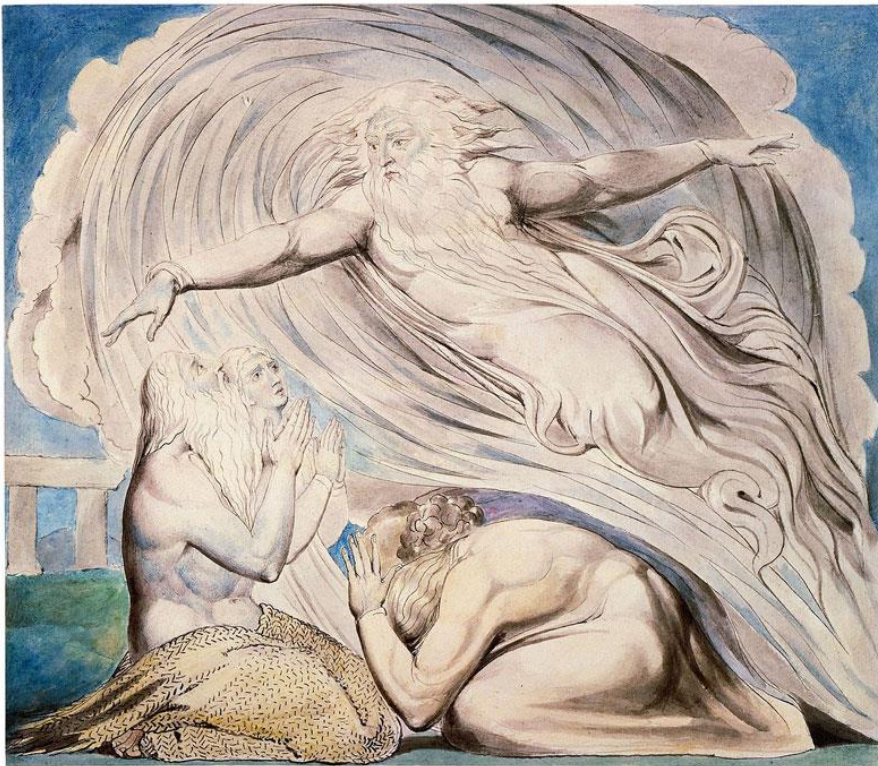
In the end, there are no words. Job can barely speak. In the end, his response is awe. He puts his hand over his mouth. He is appalled - at his own ignorance. Before all the glory and all the terror, there are no words only a stance—of surrender. *"I had heard of you with my ears; but now my eyes have seen you."*

This is the other side of the curtain. Job has looked evil in the face, and come through it, to witness "a vast wonder and love . . . his grief and accusations, his ideas about God, and pity for man, arose from utter ignorance (Mitchell). I cannot say that, for I have not been there. But in the words of another mystic—Julian of Norwich, who also seems to have gone some way in seeing— "All will be well, and all manner of things will be well."

Word of the Day:

*I have spoken of the unspeakable
And tried to grasp the infinite . . .
I had heard of you with my ears;
But now my eyes have seen you.*

(Job 42:3&5 – Stephen Mitchell translation, Harper Perennial, 1987).



William Blake, *The Lord Answering Job Out of the Whirlwind*.
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