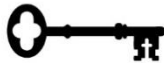




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

March 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Worship & Communion Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call the Worship – Risa Umezie

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Reverie on "Draw Me Nearer"*

H. S. Livingston Jr.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

195

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat; fervently kneel;  
here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish:  
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We look in the mirror and *what* do we see?

**Congregation: We see people who try to be faithful,  
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and *how* do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,  
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence  
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and *who* do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who faces  
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness  
for all who would follow.**

(adapted from Thom Shuman)

HYMN – Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

18 (see pg. 9)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE APOSTLES' CREED (539)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\* HYMN - Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

442

1. Speak, Lord, in the stillness,  
speak your word to me;  
hushed my heart to listen  
in expectancy.

2. Speak, O gracious Master,  
in this quiet hour;  
let me see your face, Lord,  
feel your touch of power.

3. For the words you give me  
they are life indeed;  
living bread from heaven,  
now my spirit feed

4. Speak, your servant listens,  
be not silent, Lord;  
let me know your presence;  
let your voice be heard.

5. Fill me with the knowledge  
of your glorious will;  
all your own good pleasure  
in my life fulfil.

*At the end of the second hymn, 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

Job chapters 1 & 2 (Translation by Stephen Mitchell)

SERMON: *Job's Anxiety - and Ours!*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – As Pants the Hart

26

1. As pants the hart for cooling streams  
when heated in the chase,  
so longs my soul, O God, for thee  
and thy refreshing grace.

2. For thee, my God, the living God,  
my thirsty soul doth pine;  
oh when shall I behold thy face,  
thou majesty divine?

3. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Trust God, who will employ  
sure aid for thee, and change these sighs  
to thankful hymns of joy.

4. God of my strength, how long shall I,  
like one forgotten, mourn,  
forlorn, forsaken and exposed  
to my oppressor's scorn?

5. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Hope still, and thou shalt sing  
praise to thy God, the living God,  
thy health's eternal spring.

### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Lord, We Beseech Thee*

A. Batten

*Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers,  
and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts,  
by our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 – *Here, O my Lord, I see thee*

543 vs. 1-3

#### 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. Here would we feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;  
here would we lay aside each earthly load,  
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table for us spread;  
here let us feast, and, feasting, still prolong  
this fellowship in thee, our living bread.

### 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.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

You are source of all that exists.

You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans;

You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth.

You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night.

So with all your creatures, great and small,

with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation

we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

**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.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God,  
Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten,  
healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom,  
he revealed your kingdom in our midst.  
Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us  
to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain.  
And so we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy God,

When the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent,  
we remember those who cannot rejoice today,  
who face times of pain or fear or upheaval.

We think especially of those whose countries have been  
Overwhelmed by conflict.

*(Keep silence)*

Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit  
to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
May they become for us Christ's body and life blood,  
healing, forgiving and making us whole.  
So may we become Christ's body, the Church,  
loving and caring throughout the whole world  
until that day when all creation feasts with you  
in the fullness of your mercy and peace  
that we savour today in the name of our Saviour  
who taught us when we pray to say:

**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**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *Bread of Sacrifice*

F. Ritter

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment,  
this meal,  
these people,  
we give ourselves to you.

**Take us out  
to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us,  
expect much of us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.**

So Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. AMEN.

## GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN – God of Mercy, God of Grace

39

1. God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your world with light divine,  
and your saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their gracious King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;  
earth shall then its fruits afford.  
Unto us your blessing give;  
we to you devoted live,  
all below and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lead Me To Calvary* H. S. Livingston Jr., based on the tune by W. J. Kirkpatrick



18

Through all the changing scenes of life

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1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in  
 2. Oh mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with  
 3. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the  
 4. Oh taste and see that God is good: ex -

trou - ble and in joy, the prais - es of my  
 me ex - alt God's name; when in dis - tress and  
 dwell - ings of the just; de - liv - erance God af -  
 pe - rience will de - cide how blest are they, and

God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.  
 fear I called, God to my res - cue came.  
 fords to all who seek and hope and trust.  
 on - ly they, who in God's truth con - fide.

5. O saints, fear God, and you will then  
 have nothing else to fear;  
 make holy service your delight;  
 your wants shall be God's care.

6. The Lord preserves the souls of those  
 who on God's truth depend;  
 to them and their posterity  
 God's blessing shall descend.

Words: Psalm 34; paraphrase, Tate and Brady's New Version 1696, alt Music: George Smart (1776-1867)

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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](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).

### **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/)

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 inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

## Hamilton Food Share Drive Through !!

The words "Thank You" are written in a large, cursive font. Each letter is filled with a different color from a rainbow spectrum, creating a vibrant and cheerful effect.

**For your donations and support !!!  
(\$770.00 dollars and 396 Lbs. of food)  
From the Mission Committee  
Blessings to all !!!**

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:music@cpchamilton.ca)

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.         | Lent Study (Allan Room)                                |
| ~ Sunday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.        | <b>Sunday Worship &amp; Communion Service</b>          |
| ~ Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.         | <b>Music @ Central: Quartetto Gelato</b>               |
| ~ Monday, March 4, 10 a.m.-noon      | <b>Hamilton Out of the Cold Café</b>                   |
| ~ Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.- noon | <b>Knit and Knatter Group</b>                          |
| ~ Thursday, March 7, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  | <b>Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go</b>            |
| ~ Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.       | <b>Choir Practice</b>                                  |
| ~ Sunday, March 10                   | <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b>                         |
| ~ Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.    | <b>Fellowship Gathering</b>                            |
| ~ Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m.     | <b>Prime Time online</b>                               |
| ~ Sunday, March 17, 9:00 a.m.        | <b>Lent Study (Allan Room)</b>                         |
| ~ Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.       | <b>Palm - Passion Sunday Worship Service</b>           |
| ~ Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.       | <b>Central's Book Club</b>                             |
| ~ Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.      | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>                         |
| ~ Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.        | <b>Good Friday Choir Concert</b>                       |
| ~ Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.       | <b>Easter Sunday Worship - Christ is Risen!</b>        |
| ~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.       | <b>Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher &amp; Lunch</b> |
| ~ Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.      | <b>The Knitting Pilgrim</b>                            |
| ~ Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.        | <b>Music @ Central: Charlton String Quartet</b>        |
| ~ Saturday, May 4                    | <b>Spring Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)</b>           |



**Reminder to set your clocks forward next Sunday!  
Daylight savings time begins March 10, 2024**

**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/>

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:

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



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!

# Stewardship Moment

**Love** ever gives, forgives, outlives  
and ever stands with open hands;  
and while it lives it gives,  
for this is love's prerogative:  
to give, and give, and give...

*Author unknown*



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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 Cantlon 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.



### **Word of the day**

*Then Job stood up. He tore his robe. He shaved his head. He lay down with his face in the dust. He said, "naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken; may the name of the Lord be blessed."*

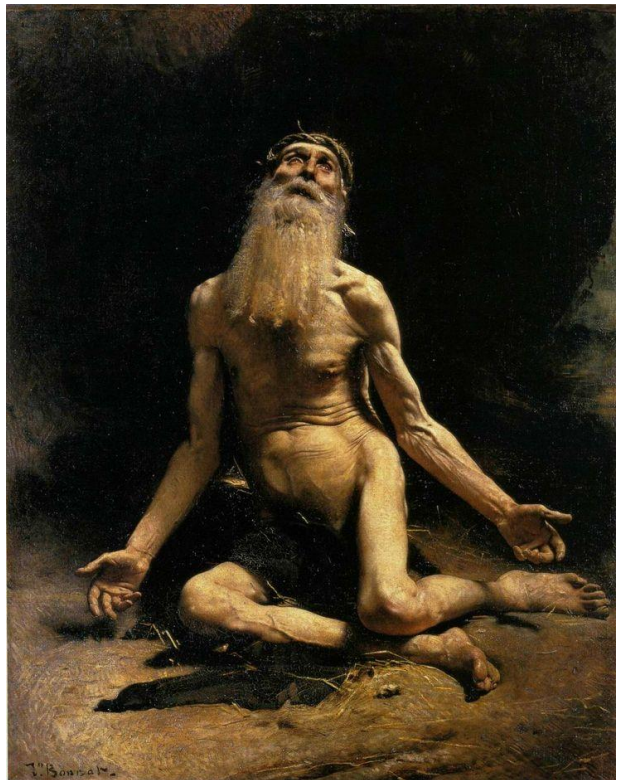
*--The Book of Job, translated and with an introduction by Stephen Mitchell, Harper Perennial, 1987)*

## **Prompts for Reflection**

The book of Job is one of the greatest poems in world literature. It is at once a terrifying and inspiring story, thousands of years old. It's original may be the oldest piece of writing in the bible. Older, even, than the Pentateuch. As it is part of the bible, it is also for us - sacred text. NA

Though written in Hebrew, its hero, or anti-hero, is a gentile. However foreign its hero, he voices a perennial Jewish theme—the theme of the victim. "Someone must have slandered Job, because one morning he was arrested, even though he had done nothing wrong." That is what makes *Job*, the central parable of our post-Holocaust age, and gives such urgency to its deep spiritual power."

(Stephen Mitchell in his introduction to a new translation).



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