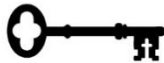




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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The empty tomb on Easter morning
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March 31, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Service
Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Responsive Reader – Neto Umezie
Lector – Judy Johnson
Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Gloria Gavin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Dance Suite from Terpsichore* - M. Praetorius
 - *Ballet de Grenoville*
 - *Two Courantes* - Arr. by Allan Dean
 - *La Bouree*
 - *Pavane*

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven*

W. K. Stanton

*Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the Cross a victim For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits Of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield; Then the golden ears of harvest Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine From the furrows of the grave.*

*Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; To the Father, and the Saviour, Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

Christ is risen;

Congregation:

He is risen indeed.

Out of the doom of death and despair,
Victory comes, glory appears.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds
Of the God whose love endures forever.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

(psalm 118; John 20)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN – Jesus Christ is Risen Today 243 (see pgs. 5-6)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed 578

* HYMN – At the Dawning of Salvation 248 (see pgs. 7-8)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

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. Children will return to the sanctuary for the final Hymn and Benediction. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 114) **John 20:1-18**

SERMON: **“Radical Hope”**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – The Day of Resurrection 249

1. The day of resurrection: earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Strife Is O'er*

M. Vulpus

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's Triumph won:
O let the song of praise be sung, Hallelujah!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath His foes dispersed,
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst, Hallelujah!*

*On the third morn He rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign:
O let us swell the joyful strain, Hallelujah!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting Thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to Thee, Hallelujah! 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 (sung)

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**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 - Thine Be the Glory

258 (see pgs. 9-10)

* THE BENEDICTION

HALLELUJAH CHORUS G. F. Handel, Trans. by W. F. Mills/ Organ Arr. by P. Scholtes

POSTLUDE *Canzona Per Sonare No. 4*

G. Gabrieli

Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN 7 7 7 7 with hallelujahs

Descant

4. Sing we to our God a-bove, hal - le - lu - jah!
 4. Puis-que ta mort fut sui - vi - e, al - lé - lu - ia!

C G/B C F F/C C /E G7/D C (F/A) C/G G7 C

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
 1. Bri-sant ses li - ens fu - nè-bres, al - lé - lu - ia!
 2. Les sol-dats, le sceau, la pier-re, al - lé - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; hal - le - lu - jah!
 du tri-om - phe de la vi - e, al - lé - lu - ia!

F C F C/E Dm7 C/E C/G G C /E G7sus4-3/DC F/A C/G C C

our tri-um-phiant ho - ly day, hal - le - lu - jah!
 un-to Christ our heaven-ly King,
 Christ est sor - ti des té - nè-bres, al - lé - lu - ia!
 n'ont pu le gar - der en ter - re,

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praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jah!
 Je veux, ô mon di - vin Roi, al - lé - lu - ia!
 G Am76 G/B G/F C/E Dm7-6 C G Am7-6 G G/D D7 G

who did once up - on the cross, hal - le - lu - jah!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, al - lé - lu - ia!
 le ciel, la terre ont chan - té,
 et c'est pour nous qu'au - jour - d'hui,

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, hal - le - lu - jah!
 mou - rir et naître a - vec toi! al - lé - lu - ia!
 G /F C/E C F/A F /C C C /E F Am C/E G7 C

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, hal - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, al - lé - lu - ia!
 Jé - sus est res - sus - ci - té,
 le ciel s'ou - vre de - vant lui!

3. But the pains which he endured hallelujah!
 our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
 now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
 where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

3. Il vit notre Roi de gloire! alléluia!
 sépulchre, où est ta victoire? alléluia!
 le Christ est le vainqueur fort, alléluia!
 qui triomphe sur la mort, alléluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
 praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
 praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

4. Puisque ta mort fut suivie, alléluia!
 du triomphe de la vie, alléluia!
 Je veux, ô mon divin Roi, alléluia!
 mourir et naître avec toi! alléluia!

At the dawning of salvation

NETTLETON 8 7 8 7 D Iambic

E♭ /G B♭sus4 - 3 E♭ /G

1. At the dawn - ing of sal - va - tion, in the
 2. He is ris - en in the morn - ing; he is
 3. For the glo - ry of sal - va - tion in the

A♭ E♭ B♭6 7 E♭ Gm 9 Cm /B♭ A♭maj7 E♭/G

morn - ing of the world, Christ is raised, a liv - ing
 ris - en from the dead; he is laugh - ter af - ter
 dawn of Eas - ter day we will praise you, lov - ing

Fm7/C B♭ E♭ /G A♭ E♭/G B♭6 7 E♭

ban - ner by the love of God un - furled.
 sad - ness; he is light when night has fled.
 Fa - ther; we re - joice to sing and pray

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(Eb/Bb) Fm6 Eb/G (Ebmaj7 Ab Eb/G) Ab (Bb/F) Cm Bb6 /Ab

Through the day - light, through the dark - ness, Christ leads
 He has suf - fered; he has tri - umphed; life is
 with the Son and with the Spir - it. Lead us

Eb/G (Ebmaj7 Fm7 Gm) Cm7 Bb6 7 Eb/G Ab(sus#4-3)Cm7

on his great ar - ray: all the saints and all the
 his a - lone to give: as he gave it once, he
 on, your great ar - ray, saints and sin - ners cel - e -

Fm7 Bb Eb /G Fm7-6 Eb /G Bb6-7 Eb

sin - ners he has gath - ered on his way.
 gives it ev - er - more, that we may live.
 brat - ing your tri - um - phant love to - day.

Thine be the glory

MACCABAEUS 10 11 11 11 with Refrain

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar line (bass clef). The key signature is D major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The guitar line includes chords and a bass line. The lyrics are provided in French and English.

System 1:

Chords: D /F# (A7/E) D /F# A7/E A7/C# D A

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 1. À toi la gloi - re, O Res - sus - ci - té!
 2. Vois - le pa - raî - tre: c'est lui, c'est Jé - sus,

System 2:

Chords: D /F# D Em 6 D/F# G6 A7 D

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won;
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 ton Sau - veur, ton maî - tre! Oh! ne dou - te plus!

System 3:

Chords: D A7 Bm C#dim7 Bm/D Edim Bm F#

an - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est des - cen - du,
 Sois dans l'al - lé - gres - se, peu - ple du Sei - gneur,

System 4:

Chords: Bm /A E7/G# E7 F#m D6 E7 A

kept the fold - ed grave clothes, where thy bo - dy lay.
 for her Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 et re - dis sans ces - se que Christ est vain - queur.

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D /F# (A7/E)D /F# A7/E A7/C# D A

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering son;
 À toi la gloi - re, O Res - sus - ci - té!

D /F# D Em 6 D/F# A7sus4-3 D

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!

3. No more we doubt thee,
 glorious prince of life;
 life is nought without thee:
 aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors,
 through thy deathless love:
 bring us safe through Jordan
 to thy home above.

3. Craindrais-je encore?
 Il vit à jamais,
 celui que j'adore,
 le Prince de paix;
 il est ma victoire,
 mon puissant soutien,
 ma vie et ma gloire:
 non, je ne crains rien.



"A big thank you to the Hamilton Brass Quintet for sharing their musical talents with us this morning"

Trumpets: Anita McAlister & Philip Seguin
Horn: Neil Spaulding
Trombone Megan Hodge
Tuba: Michael Medeiros

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 the 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/

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Central's new Search Committee met for the first time this week and began their duties. The members are: Marilyn Craven, Hubert de Bruin, Sue Dunlop (Chairperson), Kristel Forcier, Sharon Lee, Beth Mackay-Reilly, Adele Pierre, Emma Reilly-Mackay, Jeremy Sandor, Mark Stuppel, Lize-Mari Swanepoel, Sara Traficante and Chidinma Umezie. Please uphold them in prayer as they begin the holy task of helping us determine that special someone God has in mind to lead us into the future. Philip Wilson - our Interim Moderator - will be with us next week and will provide a further update following the worship service.



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!

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.

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/>

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.- noon

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~ Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 4, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

~ Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

~ Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.

~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

~ Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

~ Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.

~ Saturday, May 4

~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship – Christ is Risen!

Knit and Knatter Group

Income Tax Assistance Program (Allan Room)

Prime Time online

Income Tax Assistance Program (Allan Room)

Choir Practice

Search Committee Meeting

Fellowship Gathering

– Guest Speaker: Alzheimer’s Society

Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher & Lunch

The Knitting Pilgrim

Music @ Central: Charlton String Quartet

Spring Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)

Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me

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...

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Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson

Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

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Prompts for Reflection

Resurrection

Long, long, long ago;

Way before this winter's snow
First fell upon these weathered fields;
I used to sit and watch and feel
And dream of how the spring would be,
When through the winter's stormy sea
She'd raise her green and growing head,
Her warmth would resurrect the dead.

Long before this winter's snow
I dreamt of this day's sunny glow
And thought somehow my pain would pass
With winter's pain, and peace like grass
Would simply grow. (But) The pain's not gone.
It's still as cold and hard and long
As lonely pain has ever been,
It cuts so deep and fear within.

Long before this winter's snow
I ran from pain, looked high and low
For some fast way to get around
Its hurt and cold. I'd have found,
If I had looked at what was there,
That things don't follow fast or fair.
That life goes on, and times do change,
And grass does grow despite life's pains.

Long before this winter's snow
I thought that this day's sunny glow,
The smiling children and growing things
And flowers bright were brought by spring.
Now, I know the sun does shine,
That children smile, and from the dark, cold, grime
A flower comes. It groans, yet sings,
And through its pain, its peace begins.

-- Mary Ann Bernard



Word of the Day:

*They said to her, 'Woman,
why are you weeping?
' She said to them, 'They
have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where
they have laid him.'*

(John 20.13)