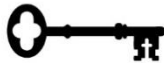




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Guest Preacher – Rev. Cap. George Zimmerman

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Abbie Boyko

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

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

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Andante cantabile in D Major*

E. Bottigliero

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *When the Poor Ones*

762 vs. 1-2

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,*

*When the thirsty water give unto us all,*

*When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,*

REFRAIN: *Then we know that God still goes that road with us,*

*Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,*

*When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,*

*When we love though hate at times seems all around us, REFRAIN*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**Congregation: That we might discern the will of our Maker.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**That we might recall the bondage from which God has delivered us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**That we might become the people God is calling us to be.**

\* HYMN – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

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PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This is the day, this is the day  
 that the Lord has made,  
 that the Lord has made.  
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
 This is the day, this is the day  
 that the Lord has made.

2. Open to us, open to us  
 the gates of God,  
 the gates of God;  
 we will go in, we will go in  
 and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.  
 Open to us the gates of God;  
 we will go in and praise the Lord.  
 Open to us, open to us  
 the gates of God.

3. You are our God, you are our God;  
 we will praise your name,  
 we will praise your name;  
 we will give thanks, we will give thanks  
 for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
 You are our God; we will praise your name;  
 we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
 You are our God, you are our God;  
 we will praise your name.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10, 14 in the Red Book of Psalms, Refrain I**

REFRAIN I PCC

LEONI  
trad. Hebrew

The law of God is just, the Lord's de-crees are sure,  
 the pre-cepts of the Lord are right, God's laws en - dure.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
 And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech;  
 And night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
 Their voice is not heard.

**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
 And their words to the ends of the world.**

**R**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.  
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. R**

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. 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 (p. 61)

**Luke 4:14-21**

SERMON: **The Five Goals from the Son of God**

#### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - The Lord's My Shepherd

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1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
even for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

## THE OFFERING

### CHORAL OFFERTORY *Jubilate Deo*

C. V. Stanford

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before His presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

*O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:  
be thankful unto Him and speak good of His Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth  
from generation to generation. His truth endureth.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, 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

**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 - Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.  
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease:  
'tis music in the sinner's ears;  
'tis life and health and peace.  
3. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy.  
5. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Joyous Alleluia/With Faith Renewed*

T. Birchwood/ R. Thomas

Easter

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Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to  
the risen Lord / Alleluia No. 1

ALLELUIA NO. 1 8 8 with refrain

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, thanks to the ris-en Lord;

Refrain F /E Dm Bb6 Gm Bb C 7/E

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord; al - le -

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia praise to his name.

F Dm Bb6 Gm C7 F Fine

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

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Verses

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

he is the King of cre - a - tion:  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en:  
 now we shall live for - ev - er:  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - iour:

*D.C. al Fine*

**Word of the Day:**

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*  
(Luke 4: 18-19)

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!

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).

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the 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).

**Status of the Search for our New Pastor:** The Search Committee is currently collating all the information from the recent Congregational Self-Analysis forms, and collecting relevant community data for the creation of Central's Congregational Profile. That document will then be distributed to potential candidates. Please pray for the committee members as they continue to engage in this holy task on behalf of the congregation. During the Search process, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Philip - our Interim Moderator - either in-person at coffee-time following the Sunday services; by phone @ 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

**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.



## 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/)

### **The Knitting Pilgrim** featuring the Stitched Glass tapestries Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 7:30 pm



#### **"15 years of knitting, 90 pounds of yarn."**

A one-man play & talkback about the real-life artistic and spiritual journey of **Kirk Dunn**, who took 15 years to knit a triptych of tapestries, designed in the style of stained glass windows, exploring the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic faiths. There is no other project like it in the world.

**Central Presbyterian Church**, 165 Charlton Ave. West, Hamilton

Free will offering /suggested donation of \$10.00

**Tosupport:** Central Presbyterian Church ministries & Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre (PCHC)



#### **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

~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher &amp; Lunch</b>
~ Monday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Search Committee Meeting</b>
~ Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.- noon	<b>Knit and Knatter Group</b>
~ Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</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>
~ Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 p.m.	<b>Prime Time online</b>
~ Saturday, May 4	<b>Spring Rummage Sale</b> (Fellowship Hall)
~ Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Fellowship Gathering</b>
~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me</b>

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 - 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

## Today, we welcome Chaplain Captain (RCN retired) George Zimmerman to Central

Rev George Zimmerman, retired Presbyterian Minister, volunteers as a chaplain and leadership trainer in Kenya each year since 2022 at Mully Children's Family (MCF).

George was baptised, raised, and ordained (1978) as Minister of Word and Sacrament at Central Presbyterian Church. A Navy/Military Chaplain for nearly 38 years, he retired from public service to a call at St. David and St. Martin Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, where he served for 13 years. At the age of 70, he has been called to serve at Mully Children's Family, Kenya. After an eight-week tour serving at two MCF campuses, he returned home to Manotick mid March. Rev George has been married to Marsha for nearly 50 years. They have two grown children and five grandchildren.

The Mully Children's Family Charity (MCF) is a Christian based NGO that over its 35-year life has rescued, rehabilitated, and reintegrated some 27,000 children from the poverty that kills in Kenya. Dr. Mulli, an African from the slums, was a self-made millionaire in transport, oil and gas and other enterprises when he felt an irresistible call to begin this ministry. Charles liquidated everything he owned and began bringing the lost children into his own home. Now MCF supports 6,600 rescued children in 11 campuses, primarily in Kenya. The scope, scale, vision, and success of MCF is beyond understanding leaving Western audiences filled with much needed hope in our dark and discouraging time. After the service Rev George will give an overview in pictures, stories, and videos of this extraordinary program from his firsthand experiences serving at MCF Ndalani and MCF Yatta.

To follow up for those interested in Mully Children's Family:

- [www.zimmytrip.ca](http://www.zimmytrip.ca) (day to day log)
- <https://georgezimmerman.substack.com/p/the-mully-narratives>
- [www.mullychildrensfamily.org](http://www.mullychildrensfamily.org) MCF website
- [www.mcfcanada.org](http://www.mcfcanada.org) MCF Canadian Charity
- [www.mcfcanada.org/mully-movie](http://www.mcfcanada.org/mully-movie) (find on MCF Canada website)
- Call (George Zimmerman) for MCF presentations 613 864-2104
- Returning to Kenya January/Februarys and would be glad to host anyone interested in seeing MCF and seeing the animals on an African Safari

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

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

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson*

*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

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