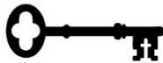




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lectors – Shirley Fredlander and Arlene Quackenbush  
Greeters – Judy Johnson & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Christ Arose*

Roger C. Wilson, Based on a tune by R. Lowry

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *You Choirs of New Jerusalem*

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*You choirs of new Jerusalem:  
your sweetest notes employ  
the Easter victory to praise  
in songs of holy joy!*

*All glory to the Father be,  
the Spirit and the Son:  
all glory to the One in Three  
while endless ages run.*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, sisters, brothers, siblings, gather together.

**Congregation: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.**

Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.  
**Here, find comfort and hope.**

Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.  
**Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.**

\* HYMN – Christ is Alive

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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

\* HYMN – Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will  
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

### 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. 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. 114)

**John 20:11-20, 24-29; 21:1-19**

SERMON: **Three Encounters**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - I Danced in the Morning

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### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Brother James' Air*

Arr. by Gordon Jacob

*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.*

*My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make  
Within the Paths of Blessedness, E'en for his own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, And Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

\* 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 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ In Triumph*

L. Smith

## \* Christ is alive

TRURO 8888LM

D A7/E D/F# D G A7/E D A7/E D/F# G/B A7/G D/F# A7/E D

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands emp - ty to the  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant years in Pal - es -  
 3. In eve-ry in - sult, rift and war, where col - our, scorn or wealth di -  
 4. Wom-en and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spir - it, hear the  
 5. Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to this and eve - ry

A /C# E A D/F# A/C# D A/E E7 A /G D/F# D

sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. Love, drowned in  
 tine, but sav - ing heal - ing, here and now and touch - ing  
 vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where  
 call, and find the way, the life, the truth, re - vealed in  
 age, till earth and sky and o - cean ring with joy, with

G6 Em6 D/F# G6 D A7 D

death, shall nev - er die.  
 eve - ry place and time.  
 e - ven hope has died.  
 Je - sus, freed for all.  
 jus - tice, love and praise.

\* Revised text. For the text as it appears in the first printing of this collection, please see item 836.

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# I danced in the morning / Lord of the dance

LORD OF THE DANCE Irregular with refrain

G Em Bm Em Am

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon  
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i - see, but they would not dance  
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame: the ho - ly peo -  
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance  
5. They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life

D G Em

and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heav-en and I  
and they would-n't fol-low me; I danced for the fish-er-men, for  
ple said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
with the de - vil on your back. They bur - ied my bo - dy, and they  
that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

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Bm Em Am D 7 C/G G

danced on the earth; at Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 James and John; they came with me and the dance went on.  
 hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die.  
 thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on.  
 live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain D6 Bm Em G Am7 D /C

Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll

G/B C G/D D/C G/B Am7 D7 G C G

lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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# Joyful, joyful we adore you

HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,  
2. All your works with joy sur - round you;  
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing,  
4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like  
earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels  
ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the  
mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the  
sing a - round you, cen - tre of the  
joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth un -  
set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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arrangement, Edward Hodges (1796–1867)

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;  
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,  
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,  
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -  
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and  
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to  
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.  
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.  
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

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).

### 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/)



### 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)

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



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

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)

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, April 7, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
~ Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.	<b>Search Committee Meeting</b>
~ Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.- noon	<b>Knit and Knatter Group</b>
~ Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.- noon	<b>Income Tax Assistance Program</b> (Allan Room)
~ Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Fellowship Gathering</b> - Guest Speaker: Alzheimer's Society
~ Thursday, April 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>Income Tax Assistance Program</b> (Allan Room)
~ Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</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>
~ Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 p.m.	<b>Prime Time online</b>
~ Saturday, May 4	<b>Spring Rummage Sale</b> (Fellowship Hall)
~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me</b>

### Next Sunday, 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.

## 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/>

## Stewardship Moment



Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Dr. Kennon Callahan  
(Pastor, educator, consultant  
& writer)



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**Word of the Day:**

*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'* (John 21:15)

**Prompts for Reflection**

There is a delightful scene in Oscar Wilde's play *Salome*, when Herod hears reports that Jesus of Nazareth has been raising the dead, he exclaims: "I do not wish him to do that. I forbid him to do that. I allow no man to raise the dead. This man must be found and told that I forbid him to raise the dead. Where is this man at present?"

The punch line is given to Herod's courier: "He is in every place, my lord, but it is hard to find Him."

--N.T. Wright, *Surprised By Hope*, pp76-77

*Cf. Collected Works of Oscar Wilde*, Wordsworth Editions, 1997, p 612

These lines offer some needed humour in the face of tyrants past and present who presume on their power.