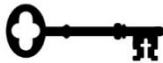




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Dr. Mary Guise
Greeters – Alex Prince & Cathy Keith

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Materna"*

M. McConnell, Tune: Materna by S. A. Ward

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Happy the Home When God is There*

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1. *Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast,
where one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.*

2. *Happy the home where Jesus' name
is sweet in every ear,
where children early sing his fame,
and parents hold him dear.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the past who has fathered and mothered us
we are here to trust you
Congregation: God of the future who is always ahead of us
we are here to thank you
God of the present here in the midst of us
we are here to praise you
God of life beyond us within us
we rejoice in your glorious love

1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify?

3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.

4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.

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

1. *When mothers of Salem Their children brought to Jesus, The stern disciples drove them back And bade them to depart; But Jesus saw them ere they fled, And sweetly smiled and kindly said, 'Suffer little children To come unto Me.'*
2. *'For I will receive them And fold them to My bosom; I'll be a Shepherd to these lambs, O drive them not away; For, if their hearts to Me they give, They shall with Me in glory live: Suffer little children To come unto Me.'*

SALEM Old Melody.

1. When moth - ers of Sa - lem their chil - dren brought to Je - sus,
 2. "For I will re - ceive them and fold them to my bo - som :

The stern dia - ci - ples drove them back, and bade them de - part ;
 I'll be a shop - herd to these lambs, O, drive them not away ;

But Je - sus saw them ere they fled, and sweet - ly smiled and
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kind - ly said, "Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to me.
 glo - ry live : Suf - fer lit - tle chil - dren to come un - to me "

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. 296)

2 Samuel 21:1-14

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 241)

1 John 4:16b-21

SERMON: **A Mother's Love**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

H. Willan

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come;
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, come away.*

* 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 – Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with everjoyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Organ Voluntary No. 9 in G Major*

J. Stanley

God the Holy Spirit

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MORECAMBE 10 10 10 10

C G7/B C F C/E Dm G7 C Am 7 B /D#

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
2. I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, no sud-den
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

Em A7/E G/D (Am/D) D7 G G7 F/G

earth; through all its puls - es move. Stoop to my weak - ness,
rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel mes - sen -
own, soul, heart and strength and mind; I see thy cross; there
strug - gles of the soul to bear, to face the ris - ing
pas - sion fill - ing all my frame: the bap - tism of the

G7 (F/G G7 F/G) C 6 G7/D F#sus#4-3 C/G#A C/G G7 C

migh - ty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
ger, no o - peningskies, but take the dim-ness of my soul a - way.
teach my heart to cling; oh let me seek thee and oh let me find.
doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - answered prayer.
heaven de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar and thy love the flame.

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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!

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).

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.

Prayer Shawls: If you are interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl speak to Rev. Lois Whitwell. We have three shawl kits prepared. The kit includes instructions and wool.

Status of the Search for our New Minister: 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.

Mission Committee Reminder: There is a basket in our main entrance to the sanctuary for [Hamilton Food Share](#). You may bring non-perishable items anytime which supports those in need.

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.



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

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/

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, May 12, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m. **Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me**
- ~ Monday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m.-noon **Garden Cleanup** – Contact Adele Pierre if you are available to assist (adelecid@gmail.com)
- ~ Sunday, May 26 after worship **Lemonade on the Lawn with special focus on native plants in the gardens at Central. Faith Finders will add plantings to the Heart Garden.**
- ~ Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Worship Service**



Seek joy in what you give,
not in what you get.



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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

Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebald

Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma

Custodian – Alan Homewood

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Word of the Day:

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them (1 John 4:16b).

Prompts for Reflection

As we know the origin of Mother's Day is not from the greeting card companies. Rather it originates from brave and wise mothers who advocated for an end to the killing, the wars, and the blood feuds, which claimed their sons' souls and lives.



The testament to this in the modern period is the poem penned by Julia Ward Howe in September 1870, five years after the end of the American Civil War:

Arise, then, women of this day!

*Arise, all women who have hearts, Whether our baptism be of water or of tears!
Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."*

*From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own.
It says: "Disarm! Disarm!"*

These bold words do not come bordered by flowers set in a greeting card, but they still speak to our time.

--Nick Athanasiadis