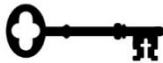




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Moderator – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin  
Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

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

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Andante Maestoso*

A. Corelli, Arr. by B. Price

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *God We Praise You For The Morning*

436 v. 1, 4

Words by Jim and Jean Strathdee, Music by Jim Strathdee

*God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer and promise, joy in work and in play.*

*God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend;  
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:           The steadfast love and the mercies of God never cease;  
                          they are renewed every morning.

**Congregation: Great is your faithfulness, O God.  
                          You alone are our source and our strength;  
                          therefore we will hope in you.**

\* HYMN – Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

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1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;  
high on his heart Jesus bears it for thee,  
comforts thy sorrows and answers thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter God's courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness:  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
God will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.

#### 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

\* HYMN - In the Bulb There is a Flower

674 (see p. 6)

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 49:1-15** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

#### 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. 614, 619)

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-10; 9:1-10**

SERMON: **Legacy and Other Paths**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: oh help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Grant Us Thy Peace*

F. Mendelssohn

*Grant us Thy peace, almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, All things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.*

\* 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 - Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

407 vs. 1 & 3-5

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone,  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Power of the Word*

D. Paxton

Faith

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# In the bulb there is a flower

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1. In the bulb there is a flow - èr, in the seed, an ap - ple tree,  
 2. There's a song in eve - ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning, in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in eve - ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing, in our life, e - ter - ni - ty,

F7 Bb (Gm6) F/A Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion, at the last, a vic - to - ry,

/C Bb Gm6 F/C Dm Gm 7 C 7 F#us4-3

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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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](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).

**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](mailto: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](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.



## 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)

## 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/)

### 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 5, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Monday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, May 5, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Doors Open Hamilton**
- ~ Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. **Fellowship Gathering**
- ~ Friday, May 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **BBQ Night**
- ~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m. **Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me**
- ~ 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**

**BARBECUE NIGHT**

**HOTDOGS - MUSIC - GAMES**

**POTLUCK SALADS AND DESSERTS**



**Central Presbyterian Church**

**Friday 10 MAY**

**5:30 PM**

Sign-up in the Church Hall or  
Contact [sara@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:sara@cpchamilton.ca)



Sunday Matinee Chamber Music  
**Mother's Day Concert**  
Music for those who love us and raise us  
Refreshments to follow

Sunday May 12

3:00 pm

**Free Admission**

**Donations Welcome**



Sharon Lee  
violin



Marcus Scholtes  
piano & violin



Sara Traficante  
flute



Kirk Starkey  
cello

*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*

*Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

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**Word of the Day:**

*Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

(Ecclesiastes 1:2)

**Prompts for Reflection**



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**Erik Kessels** The installation *24hrs in Photos* is presented as a mountain of photographs amassed in bulk. This device randomly materialises the number of files downloaded in a single day and posted on Flickr, a website for sharing photos.

In a time of oversharing, just because we can, we may be stopped short by the ancient wisdom, which is a statement of fact—we all die. But facts by themselves may not give meaning. Meaning is what we feed on. We all die, and yet most of us wish to linger, if nowhere else than in the hearts and minds, in the love and the memories, of those with whom we were most intimate, those with whom we lived, whom we loved and who loved us back.

*Before we fast-forward to the revelation of Eternal Life vouchsafed to us in the Christian Scriptures, it is good to meditate long and hard on the truth that we will die. This is a hard stop.*

--Nick Athanasiadis