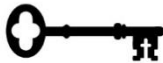




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.

## Easter Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Traficante - Starkey family

Lector – Dr. Chris Allan

Greeters – Nancy Rundle & Jean Williams

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

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

PRELUDE *Salut d'Amour* - Elgar, arr. Weymouth

*My Spirit Be Joyful* - Bach, arr. Herforth

*My Bonny Lass She Smileth* - Morely, arr. Barnes

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord / Alleluia* No. 1

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*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;*

*alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the King of creation.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Refer to Easter Sunday insert

\* HYMN – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

243 (see pgs. 6-7)

PRAYER 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 – At The Dawning Of Salvation

248 (see pgs. 8-9)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### 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 downstairs HUB area. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary after the sermon. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25 (p. 696)

Luke 24:1-12 (p. 90)

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 204)

**SERMON: “The Forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting”**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### \* HYMN – The Day Of Resurrection

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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 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Again*

J. Rutter

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high,*

***Refrain:*** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*He who gave for us his life, Who for us endur'd the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say, **Refrain.***

*He who bore all pain and loss, Comfortless upon the cross,  
Lives in glory now and high, Pleads for us, and hears our cry, **Refrain.***

*Now he bids us tell abroad, How the lost may be restor'd,  
How the penitent forgiv'n, How we too may enter heav'n, **Refrain.***

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed:  
Take our sins and guilt away, That we all may sing foray, **Refrain.***

### \* 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 PRAYER (sung - 831)

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  
forever. Amen

### GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN - Thine Be The Glory

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\* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE      *Christ is Risen Today* - arr. Gale



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

Anita McAlister & Shaw Nicholson, trumpets  
Neil Spaulding, horn  
Megan Hodge, trombone  
Jen Stephen, tuba

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).

## 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,

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 - phant 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 Am7/6 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, le ciel, la terre ont chan - té,  
et c'est pour nous qu'au - jour - d'hui, al - lé - lu - ia!

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!

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| 3. But the pains which he endured hallelujah!<br>our salvation have procured; hallelujah!<br>now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!<br>where the angels ever sing, hallelujah! | 3. Il vit notre Roi de gloire! alléluia!<br>sépulchre, où est ta victoire? alléluia!<br>le Christ est le vainqueur fort, alléluia!<br>qui triomphe sur la mort, alléluia! |
| 4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!<br>praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!<br>praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!<br>Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!  | 4. Puisque ta mort fut suivie, alléluia!<br>du triomphe de la vie, alléluia!<br>Je veux, ô mon divin Roi, alléluia!<br>mourir et naître avec toi! alléluia!               |

Chinese (Mandarin)

Jǐ Dū Yē Sū jīn fù shēng, Hā lǐ lù yà!  
Tiān shì shí rén tōng huān hū, Hā lǐ lù yà!  
Gāo chàng huān lè kǎi xuān gē, Hā lǐ lù yà!  
Zhū tiān dā dì tōng chāng hé, Hā lǐ lù yà!

## At the dawning of salvation

NETTLETON 8 7 8 7 D lmbic

Eb /G Bbsus4 - 3 Eb /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

Ab Eb Bb6 7 Eb Gm 9 Cm /Bb Abmaj7 Eb/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 Bb Eb /G Ab Eb/G Bb6 7 Eb  
 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 (Eb)maj7 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 (Eb)maj7 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

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing 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,

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!

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,

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.

#### Korean

1. Choo-neem-keh yung-gwawng taw-shee saw-sheen joo  
 saw-mawng kwun-seh moh-doo ee-gee-shee-uh-t-neg  
 Heen-oht ee-bun chun-saw tohl-ul ohom-gyut-neh  
 Noo-oo-shut-ton goh-sun pee-uh ee-sut-heh

#### Refrain:

Heen-oht ee-bun chun-saw tohl-ul ohom-gyut-neh  
 noo-oo-shut goh-sun pee-uh ee-sut-heh

2. Poo-hwawl-eh choo-neem naw-taw-naw-shee-saw  
 Too-ryuh--oom gwaw ui-sheem mool-lee chee-shut-neg  
 Choo-eh kyoh-hweh keep-puh chawn-sohng haw-yuh-raw  
 Taw-shee saw-sheen choo-neem choo-gum ee-gyut-neh  
 Refrain:

3. Seng-myung eh eem-gum yung-gwawng eh choo-neem  
 Choo-neem uhp-nun sawlm-un huht-twell poon-ee-raw  
 Choo-eh saw-rawng-u-roh seh-sawng ee-gee-goh  
 Yoh-dawn knu-nug pohn-yawng kaw-geh hawp-soh-sub  
 Refrain:

## 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/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/)

### LET'S CELEBRATE DR. NICK TOGETHER



#### **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday April 27th**

After more than three years at Central as Interim Minister helping us through a period of transition and almost 34 years ministering to various congregations throughout Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, Dr. Nick is retiring with his last service at Central on **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**.

A special Sunday service followed by a delicious luncheon is planned for that day. Please join us to give thanks for, and celebrate Nick's exceptional ministry both past and present. More reminders to follow. All are welcome!

Help will be needed for setup and cleanup, but signup *not* required in advance.

For any questions, please contact Gwynneth Simpson at 905-632-2231

or [davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca).

**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).

## A/C Appeal Update – We are over halfway there:

We need A/C units in the nursery, two offices and a meeting room on the main floor.

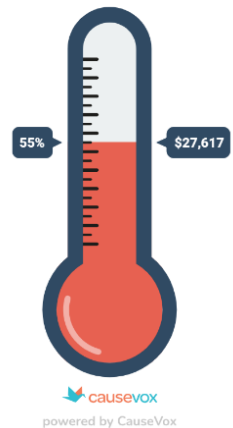
This is because we have reconfigured our space to welcome new tenants. The income we now receive enables us to offer sacred space for worship, a safe gathering place for the community, and of course, concert space for Music@Central, along with music space for choirs and concerts in the city of Hamilton.

You are welcome to make your donation online, by cheque, or even in the offering plate marked **A/C appeal**.

Donations of **\$27,617.00** have been received towards the A/C appeal.

We will keep you updated as we progress toward our goal of **\$50,000!**

GOAL: \$50,000



### 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, to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca) or send a cheque.

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.

## Stewardship Moment

Our gratitude for  
Jesus' sacrifice  
on the cross  
is followed by our awe  
at God's astonishing gift  
of new life  
in the resurrection.

Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian

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## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday Service of Worship</b>
~ Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group</b> (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, April 24, 3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Second HOOTC BBQ for 2025</b> (Outside Forecourt)
~ Thursday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>
~ Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Kitchen Clean Up</b> (see note below)
~ Sunday, April 27	<b>Dr. Nick's Retirement Service and Lunch</b>
~ Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Central Book Club</b> (Allan Room)
~ Friday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Central's Spring BBQ</b>

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We will be cleaning the kitchen on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 to 12:30. We need volunteers to help us. If you can assist, please let me know. Mary Guise ([maryguise51@gmail.com](mailto:maryguise51@gmail.com) 289-442-5252)

### **Status of the search for our new minister:**

We have now entered an important phase of the search process as the Search Committee considers potential candidates for our new minister. Please pray for the members of the committee - that they might be wise and discerning as God's Holy Spirit leads them to that special person God has in mind to lead the congregation into the future.

During the search process, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson (our Interim Moderator) either in-person at coffee time following Sunday services; by phone at 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

**Please continue to pray along with the Search Committee during the search process.**

*Wise and Loving God,*

*You know all things good for us, and your Holy Spirit leads us in your way. Guide us to the minister that you have prepared to come and serve your people here at Central. Fill us with vision, with energy, and openness as we seek the person you've chosen for us.*

*We thank you for all those in our midst that you move to lead, contribute to, or enrich the ministries at Central. We thank you for the plans you have for our church community – both known and unknown to us.*

*Throughout this season of uncertainty and change, give us mutual love for each other, patience in the work that lies ahead, and wisdom to discern. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit here to move in us and through us, so that we may hear the voice of the person best suited for Central.*

*Prepare us to receive our new minister with joy and enthusiasm – and may our new minister serve us with equal joy. May their ministry mark a new chapter in Central's story; a chapter of continued vibrancy, of growth, and of renewal in service of the Triune God. Amen*

The Search Committee prayer can be found on our website: [Search Committee Prayer - CPC Hamilton](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/) : [www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/)

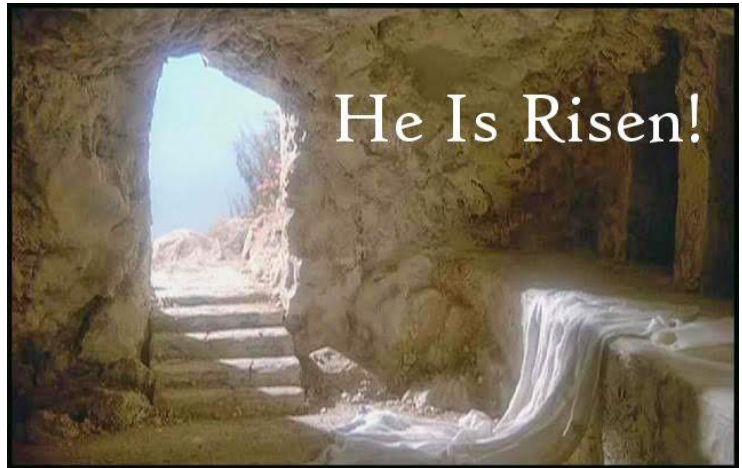
## Prompts for Reflection

### ***Word of the Day:***

*I believe in . . .*

*the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.  
-- The Apostles' Creed*

"The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting" were voiced by witnesses to something which surprised and graced and blessed them, beyond their logic or expectation.



Nick Athanasiadis

### **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.

*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  
Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier  
Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebold  
Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma  
Custodian – David Lewington  
Nursery Coordinator – Brenda Ziemann  
Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

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