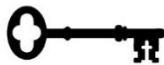




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*

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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 1, 2025 10:30 a.m.

## General Assembly Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Elsje Zwart

Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Abbie Boyko

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

### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Gracious God, as I prepare to join in corporate worship with my brothers and sisters this day, I ask that you would calm my mind and my spirit so that I might be open to recognize your presence here among us this day and hear the words you want me to hear. Then enable me to respond faithfully - in my thoughts, in my words and in my living. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Peace To My Soul*

W. Barnett

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

INTROIT *The Son of God Proclaim*

558 vs. 1-2

*The Son of God proclaim, the Lord of time and space;  
the God who bade the light break forth now shines in Jesus' face.*

*Behold his outstretched hands! Though all was in his power,  
he took the towel and basin then, and serves us in this hour.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: We will worship the Lord with gladness, and come before our God with joyful hearts.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is indeed God: the One who made us,  
the One to whom we belong.

**People: We are indeed God's people, and we owe our total allegiance to the Lord.**

Leader: Therefore friends, let us now join together in body, mind and spirit to worship  
the Lord our God; and let us begin by uniting our voices in joyful song.

\* HYMN – When Morning Gilds The Skies

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### OPENING PRAYER (including 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**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

\* 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.

*During the singing of the hymn, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the downstairs HUB area. Children will return to the sanctuary prior to Communion. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 15:9-17 (p. 109)

SERMON: **THE SECRET OF LIVING WELL**

MEDITATION MINUTE

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – A New Commandment

225 (sung twice)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *I Am The Living Bread*

B. Harwood

*I am the living Bread, which came down from heaven:  
if any one eat of this Bread, they shall live, shall live forever. Alleluia.*

\* **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*

PASTORAL PRAYER

## GOD SENDS US

THE INVITATION

\* HYMN – We Come As Guests Invited

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\* HYMN – Now Let Us From This Table Rise

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CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Allegro in G Major "In Festive Mood"*

A. W. Leupold

## When morning gilds the skies

LAUDES DOMINI 6 6 6 6 6 6

Descant

4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,  
 4. Qu'en joie comme en dé - tres - se nos chants di - sent sans ces - se:

B♭ Cm7susB♭/D E♭ Cm7 F7 E♭/G F7 B♭ F/A Gm7 C Dm7

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:  
 2. To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:  
 1. Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chève:  
 2. Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! be this the e - ter - nal song  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Que dans tout les lan - ga - ges

C7/E F B♭ C7sus4-3 F /E♭ B♭/D F7/C B♭ F7/A F6

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals too, up - raise  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! L'E - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

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 French, Jacques Beaudon (1913–1985), revised R. Gerald Hobbs (1941–)  
 Music: Joseph Barnby (1838–1896); descant, Reginald S. Thatcher (1888–1957)

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through all the a - ges on, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ce soit le chant des â - ges: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

F/Eb Bb/D Bb C6 - 7 F /Eb Bb/Db7/C Bb /Ab Eb/G F7sus4-3 Bb

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
their voice in hymns of praise; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
mon coeur a Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!  
chan - te l'a-mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

3. Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth and sea and sky,  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
be this the eternal song  
through all the ages on:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. C'est le chœur des louanges  
qu'entonnent tous les anges:  
béni soit Jésus-Christ!  
Et que la terre entière  
répète la prière:  
béni soit Jésus-Christ!

4. Qu'en joie comme en détresse  
nos chants disent sans cesse:  
béni soit Jésus-Christ!  
Que dans tous les langages  
ce soit le chant des âges:  
béni soit Jésus-Christ!

## A new commandment

A NEW COMMANDMENT Irregular

D Bm Em7 A /G

“A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you  
 “Je vous com-man-de, mes frè-res, mes soeurs: Ai-mez-

D/F# F#m Bm G 6 A /G D/F# F#m

love one an-o-ther as I have loved you, that you love one an-  
 vous les uns les au-tres comme moi, j'ai ai-mé. Ai-mez vous les uns les

Bm 7 Em A D G (maj7) A Em (6)

o-ther as I have loved you. By this shall all know  
 au-tres comme moi, j'ai ai-mé. Et tous ver-ront que

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 arrangement, Lawrence Bartlett (1933-)

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D/F# F#m7 Bm 7 G A/G D/F# Gmaj7

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an -  
 vous êtes mes dis - ci - ples si vous ai - mez les uns les

A D G (maj7) A Em (6) D/F# F#m7

o - ther; by this shall all know you are my dis -  
 au - tres, et tous ver - ront que vous êtes mes dis -

Bm G6 A/G D Gmaj7 A D

ci - ples: if you have love one for an - o - ther."  
 ci - ples si vous ai - mez les uns les au - tres."

## We come as guests invited

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E B7/F# E/G# C#m F#m E6 B/D# B7/F# E A E/G# F#m C#m

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

B/D# E B /A E/G# C#m F#m E6 B/D# G#m C#m A6 F#m Bsus4-3 E

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine.

E/G# B7/F# A6 E F#sus4-3 B E/G# A6 E/G# F#m E Bsus4-3

the bread of life is bro - ken, the wine is free - ly poured  
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
re - newed, sus - tained and giv - en by to - ken, sign and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Communion  
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# Now let us from this table rise

SOLO/THURN 8 8 8 8 LM

Unison D Bm D/F# A D

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise re -  
2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, to  
3. To fill each hu - man house with love, it  
4. Then give us grace, com - pan - ion - God, to

A/C# Bm7 E7sus4-3 A /G D/F# A9

newed in bo - dy, mind and soul; with Christ we die and  
spread the Word in speech and deed, we fol - low in the  
is the sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -  
choose a - gain the pil - grim way, and help us to ac -

Bm A7/C# D Bm D/A Asus4-3 D

live a - gain, whose self - less love has made us whole.  
steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.  
gan to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.  
cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

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If you're new here, we rejoice that you've been led to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" with us today. Together, we are God's people. You need to know upfront though that none of us who gather here are perfect - and we don't always get it right, but we're doing our best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. You're welcome to join us: there's a place for you here.

## **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/)

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, 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.



## 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/>

This is my commandment,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.



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

The Search Committee would like to thank the congregation for their continuing prayers, and their patience, as we've navigated the process of searching for a new minister - guided by God's Holy Spirit. Up until now, we've had to keep things "on the down low," but now we're able to share some EXCITING NEWS! This week, we made a recommendation to the Session, and as a result, an invitation was extended to a candidate to Preach for the Call. That invitation has been accepted by the candidate, and they will be **Preaching For The Call on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please set that date aside - and plan on attending the service, the lunch and the congregational meeting that day. Details of that weekend's events and further information about the candidate will be shared with the congregation shortly.

As we look forward to this momentous event in the life of Central, please keep the process and the candidate bathed in prayer. The following prayer which has guided our process thus far, is a good place to start...

*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/)

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).

### **Central Presbyterian Church Calendar**

~ Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.

~ Sunday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

**Service of Worship**

**Presbyterian Church of Canada**

**General Assembly Opening Worship Service**  
**hosted at Central**

~ Tuesday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

~ Wednesday, June 4, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)**

**Durand Market (Forecourt)**

**Choir Practice**

***As you leave this place today,  
you're reminded that no matter who you are,  
or what your past may be,  
you are a beloved child of the Living God.***

***As you now live your life from day to day,  
don't forget who – and whose, you are;  
so that you may indeed be light and salt to this world  
in the name of Jesus the Christ.***

## **Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity**



**Giving transforms us. It changes  
the way we see the world. And  
when the way we see the world  
changes, changing the world  
isn't far behind.**

*Jim Wallis (1948 – ),  
theologian, writer, teacher & political activist*

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson  
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