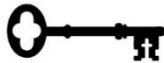




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.

## Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Elsje Zwart

Greeters – Nancy Rundle & Jean Williams

**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, calm my mind and my spirit so that I might be open to recognize your presence here among us and to hear the words you want me to hear and respond to - in faith and in life. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Prelude in C Major*

J. Chr. H. Rinck

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

INTROIT *O God, In Whom We Live and Move*

V. Novello, Words by G. W. Briggs - 488

*O God, in whom we live and move, in whom we draw each breath,  
Your glory fills the heights above, and all the depths beneath.*

*And when we gather in your name to pray with one accord,  
around, within us, still the same, we find your presence, Lord.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls his people to come together as communities of faith, so that we might learn God's ways; so that we might, praise God's holy name and so that we might be inspired and encouraged to engage in the ministries to the world that God calls us to.

People: **With joyful hearts and willing spirits, let us now worship the Lord our God and open our lives to the movement and direction of God's Holy Spirit in our midst.**

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.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

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.

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

## 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. Parents can meet the children there following worship. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 47** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 14:15-21 (p. 109)

I Peter 4:1-11 (p. 234)

### SERMON: THE EPILOGUE (Part 3 of 3)

### MEDITATION MINUTE

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Psalm 23*

C. Hylton Stewart

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:  
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

### \* 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

\* HYMN – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly re stored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

### CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus - Allegro moderato e maestoso, Op. 84*

A. Guilmant

*The flowers are placed in the Chancel today to the glory of God  
by Jim Morgan with the deepest gratitude to God for the love of my wife, May,  
on our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

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.

## Open my eyes, that I may see

OPEN MY EYES 8 8 9 8 with refrain

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab6 Ab

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me;  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear,  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth eve - ry - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.  
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, eve - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
 o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain  
Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see;

(Eb/Bb Ab/C) Ab7C# Db(6) Eb7 Ab

o - pen my eyes:  
 o - pen my ears: il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my heart:

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# Forgive our sins as we forgive

BANGOR 8 6 8 6 CM

G Cm G7/D Cm /Bb Ab Fm Cm G7/B

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you  
 2. How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

Cm Gm/Bb Cm D7 G /F Cm/Eb G7/D Cm Eb/G

taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart, that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: what triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in

Ab Bb Eb (/D) Cm (/Bb) Abmaj7 CnVg G7 Cm

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

See also: Bangor 6 232

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## 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).

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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|------------------------------------|---|
| ~ Sunday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.       | <b>Service of Worship</b>   |
| ~ Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.–Noon | <b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group (Guild Room)</b>  |
| ~ Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.      | <b>Choir Practice</b>   |
| ~ Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.       | <b>Central Book Club (Allan Room)</b>   |
| ~ Sunday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.        | <b>Presbyterian Church of Canada<br/>General Assembly Opening Worship Service<br/>hosted at Central</b> |



## 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.



### 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*

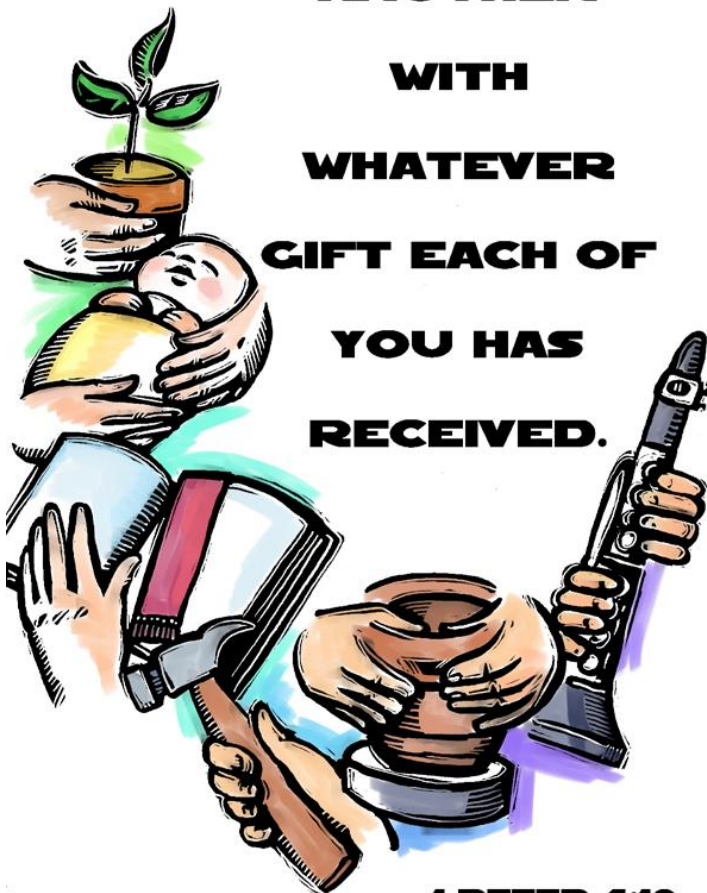
The Search Committee prayer can be found on our website: [Search Committee Prayer - CPC Hamilton](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/) : [www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/)

## 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/>

**...SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER  
WITH  
WHATEVER  
GIFT EACH OF  
YOU HAS  
RECEIVED.**



**1 PETER 4:10**

***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 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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