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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

June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday - Trinity Sunday Service of Worship  
Father's Day - National Indigenous Peoples Sunday

Minister - Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Greeters - Faith Finders

Central Youth Worship Leaders - Darragh Patton, Gustav Swanepoel,

Kelvin Olumide, Neto Umezie, Rachel Weresch, Ramona Starkey

Youth Support Team - Beth Carey, Sara Traficante,

Gregg Bullock-Price, Kirk Starkey, Josh Weresch

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

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Loving Father, during this brief time of worship, help me to set aside everything else that's going on outside these four walls so that I can focus only upon you. Then, after the service of worship comes to an end, and I return to my daily routine, may my life continue to be influenced and guided by your Holy Spirit. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in F Major*

A. W. Leupold

## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

INTROIT *Oh For A World Where Everyone*

730 vs. 1 & 3

1. *O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*
3. *We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND INCLUSION

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord all glory and honour.

**People: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!**

Come and worship God in holy splendour.

**How majestic is God's name in all the earth!**

To the Creator, Christ, and to the Holy Spirit,

**be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN - Holy, Holy, Holy

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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and majesty,  
you are slow to anger and swift to forgive.  
You have shown us the depth of your love,  
yet we are reluctant to love others who differ from us.  
You have shown us compassion and forgiveness,  
yet we walk away from one another without concern.  
You have offered us hope in Christ Jesus,  
yet we lose that hope when life is challenging.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Create in us the endurance and character  
which help us trust in the power of your forgiving love. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN - Sanctuary

Children sing 2x, All sing 2x

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You*

*Following the Hymn Sanctuary, a program for younger children 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.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 8** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 155)  
Gospel Reading – John 16:12-15 (p. 110)

REFLECTION #1 - *Reflection on Faith, Hope, Truth and Peace*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *I Am Thine, O Lord*

J. Prentiss

REFLECTION #2 - *Reflection on General Assembly*

\* HYMN – Creator God, Creating Still

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REFLECTION #3 - *Group Reflection: Indigenous Worldview and Change in Our Church*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God - Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. *Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe life in me.*
2. *Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*
3. *Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead in on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost!*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION and 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 – God, Reveal Your Presence

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *To Greet The Morning*

D. Paxton

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).

**Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity***

**A life well lived is a life of gift giving.**

*Miroslav Volf (1956 -), theologian & professor*

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# Holy, holy, holy

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 D Bm A 7 D G (A9/G) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,  
 though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



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# Creator God, creating still

THIS END RYS NIGHT 8 6 8 6 CM

D G/B A D G A /G D/F# Dmaj7 G Em Bm

1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - a - ting still by will and word and deed,  
2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still with strength for eve - ry day,  
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day, we need your pres - ence still.

Bm G Em6 D/F# D6 Em 6 F# Bm D/F# Bm G A 7 D

cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
pour out your love on us, through us; make this a ho - ly place.  
em - power us now to do your will; cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Alternate tune: Tallis' Ordinal

Words: Genesis 1:2, John 15:26, Titus 2:11-14; paraphrase, Jane Parker Huber (1926-)

Music: English carol tune, c.15th century

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## God, reveal your presence

ARNSBERG (REVERENCE) 668 D 3 3 6 6

G G/B Dsus4-3 Em Em/G Bsus4-3

1. God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,  
Ho - ly is your tem - ple: all with - in keep si - lence,

2. In God's ho - ly pres - ence: hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing,

3. Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pur - i - fy my spir - it;  
Like the ho - ly an - gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing,

Words: German, Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769); translation, Frederick William Foster (1760-1835), and John Miller (1756-1790); alterations, William Mercer (1811-1873), alt  
Music: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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C C/E G Em D G Dsus4-3 G C D G

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you.  
hum - bly bow with deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone now we own,  
see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing;  
an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here;  
all my trust is in your mer - it.  
we a - dore, ho - san - nas rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still

D G/B C G Dsus4-3 G G/B G Am G/B C6 D7 G

as our God and Sav - iour: praise your name for - ev - er!  
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.  
rule your church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

**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).

### **Vacation Bible Camp:**

This year, Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) is happening at Chedoke Presbyterian Church from July 7 - 11. Many of our young people from Central will be participating. **Here are some ways you can help:**

1) **Financial Donations!** Please see Katie Weresch if you have a cash donation. We are hoping to raise \$100 for snacks and additional funds for building supplies. The older campers will be building bird houses and younger campers will be building wood porcupines.

2) **Milk Bags, Shoeboxes, and Soup Boxes!** Please save your large milk bags (the outside coloured ones, cleaned, dried, and flattened), and soup boxes (like the ones chicken broth comes in, rinsed and dried) and give to Katie Weresch.

### **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/>

## 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. We're able to share some EXCITING NEWS! We made a recommendation to the Session, and as a result, an invitation was extended to the candidate, **Rev. Hannah Lovaglio** to Preach for the Call. That invitation has been accepted, and she will be **Preaching For The Call on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please set that date aside - and plan on attending the service and the congregational meeting that day. Details of that weekend's events will be shared soon. Further information about the candidate, Rev. Hannah Lovaglio, can be found in This Week at Central's congregational weekly email.

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).

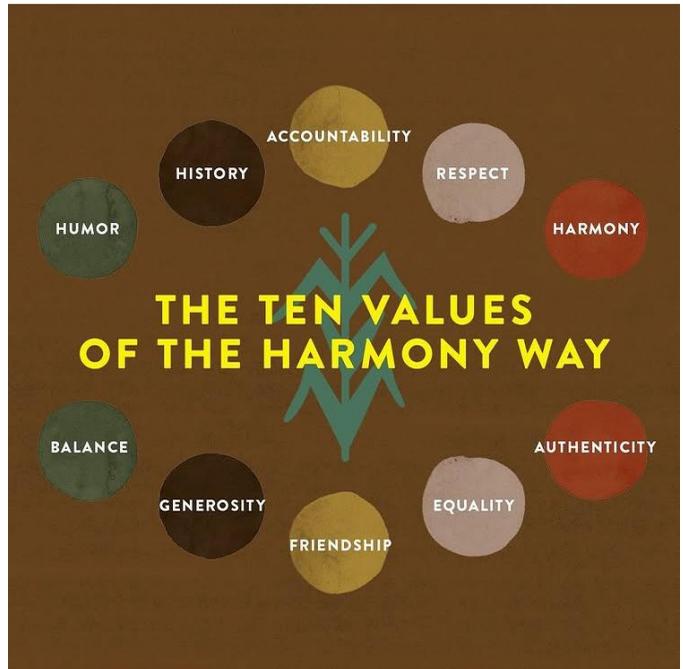
## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.        | <b>Youth Sunday</b>   |
| ~ Wednesday, June 18, 3:00-7:00 p.m. | <b>Durand Market</b> (Forecourt)                              |
| ~ Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.        | <b>Rev. Hannah Lovaglio, Candidate to Preach for the Call</b> |
| ~ Sunday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.        | <b>Service of Worship - Rev. Lois Whitwell preaching</b>      |
| ~ Wednesday, July 3, 6:00 p.m.       | <b>Music @ Central: Concert on the Steps</b> (Forecourt)      |

## Prompts for Reflection

I believe the Creator to be the most vulnerable being who exists. If God is love, and love means being vulnerable, then God must represent the essence of vulnerability. The incarnation of Jesus expressed Great Mystery's vulnerability. Jesus's lifestyle of hanging out with the poor and the marginalized, empowering women, healing lepers, and so on expressed Creator's vulnerability. The crucifixion demonstrated God's vulnerability. Jesus radically expresses the most vulnerable Creator by coming from a shalom Trinity, sharing Creator's mission of love with us, and leaving the responsibility in our hands to co-act with God through love. God is in Jesus, and we, along with others who are different from us, are invited to become fellow human beings, to exchange and empower dignity in ourselves and in others, and to join in reciprocal conversations of each other's understanding of truth and how to live shalom with, for, and among the whole community of creation, including people.

- Randy Woodley, *Indigenous Theology and the Western Worldview: A Decolonized Approach to Christian Doctrine*, Baker Academic, 2022.



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