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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 29, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Alyssa DiMarco

Lector – Dr. Chris Allen

Greeters – Alex Prince & Jean Williams

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

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

PRELUDE *Prayer and Opening Voluntary*

C. Simper

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When Jesus talked about discipleship,  
he spoke of difficulties that frustrate our desire to follow.

**People: Yet he still invites us to follow and to know God’s ways.**

Some days we cry to God to hear us when we have doubts and fears.

**We are invited to remember and be encouraged  
by the deeds of our Lord and his wonders from the past.**

The Spirit equips us to be disciples and to bear good fruit.

**We are here to open ourselves to the Spirit and renew our faith**

***Let us worship God.***

\* HYMN – God, We Praise You For The Morning

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE: My friends, may the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days:  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Following the second Hymn, a program for children will be available  
in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. 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 16** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (pg. 190)

Luke 9:51-62 (pg. 70)

SERMON: *The Journey Goes On*

MEDITATION MINUTE

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – One More Step Along The World I Go

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THE OFFERING

SOLO OFFERTORY *Domine Deus, from 'Gloria'*

A. Vivaldi

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*

Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father.

\* 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

God of mystery and mercy,  
God of our past and our future,  
We come before you today carrying all the hopes and dreams,  
and the burdens and blessings of our lives.  
We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to you today,  
grateful for the goodness,  
seeking your comfort and strength,  
listening for your guidance.  
God of purpose and promise,  
**Receive our prayers.**

God of life and love,  
You engage us in the midst of our lives when we need you.  
We pray today for all those who feel fearful about their future,  
and for all who wrestle with challenges at work or at home.  
We remember before you those weighed down by illness or worry,  
and all who provide care for those in need of support.

*Keep silence for 15 seconds.*

Help each one of us face our fears and our challenges supported by your love.  
God of purpose and promise,  
**Receive our prayers.**

God of courage and comfort,  
whenever we wrestle with any burden,  
your Spirit prays within us with sighs too deep for words.  
Today we pray for all those whose burdens seem too heavy to bear:  
For the victims of violence or disaster, and for their friends and families... (pause)  
For refugees at risk in so many places in the world,  
remembering especially those who have fled Ukraine and Palestine... (pause)  
We pray for those caught in despair and poverty in our own community  
and in the forgotten corners of your world... (pause)  
Renew the strength of all those challenged by realities beyond their control  
and equip our leaders to support those in the deepest need.  
God of purpose and promise,  
**Receive our prayers.**

God of the world and all its peoples,  
 we pray for our country and our leaders as we prepare to mark Canada Day.  
 Equip Canada to be a force for justice and well-being in your world.  
 Give our leaders wisdom and integrity to make decisions  
 that provide for a good future for all who call this nation home.  
 Open our eyes and our hearts to the opportunities we have  
 to serve you in serving one another.  
 Make us alert to cries for justice in our midst  
 and guide us in repairing relationships strained by differences between us.  
 God of purpose and promise,  
**Receive our prayers.**

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as together we pray the words Jesus taught us:

**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 – Will You Come And Follow Me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in B-flat Major*

C. Simper

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.

## God, we praise you for the morning

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C G Am G F G C F

1. God, we praise you for the morn - ing; hope springs  
 2. God, we praise you for cre - a - tion, moun - tains,  
 3. God, we praise you for com - pas - sion, all the  
 4. God, we praise you for your Spir - it, Com - fort -  
 5. God, we praise you for the Sav - iour, come that  
 6. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

C Dm7 G Am G

forth with each new day, new be - gin - ning,  
 seas and prai - rie land. Wak - ing souls find  
 lov - ing that you show; hu - man touch - ing,  
 er and dai - ly friend; rest - less search - er,  
 we may know your ways. In his lov - ing,  
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah,

F Em7 Am F G C

prayer and prom - ise, joy in work and in play.  
 joy and heal - ing in your boun - ti - ful hand.  
 tears and laugh - ter, help your chil - dren to grow.  
 gen - tle teach - er, strength and cour - age you send.  
 dy - ing, ris - ing, Christ is Lord of our days.  
 hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is Lord of our days!

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# One more step along the world I go

SOUTHCOTE 99979 with refrain (11 9)

Unison G /F# Em /D Am/C Am7 D /E D7/F# D7 G C G/B

1. One more step a - long the world I go. One more step a-long the world I go.  
 2. Round the cor-ners of the world I turn. More and more a-bout the world I learn.  
 3. As I trav-el through the bad and good keep me trav-el-ing the way I should.

G C /E G /F# Em C D 7 G C G/B

From the old things to the new keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.  
 All the new things that I see you'll be look-ing at a-long with me.  
 Where I see no way to go, you'll be tell-ing me the way, I know.

Refrain Bm C D /C G/B C D 7 G C G

And it's from the old I tra-vel to the new. Keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough.      5. You are older than the world can be.  
 Keep me loving though the world is tough.      You are younger than the life in me.  
 Leap and sing in all I do.      Ever old and ever new,  
 Keep me traveling along with you.      keep me traveling along with you.  
 Refrain:      Refrain:

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## Will you come and follow me

KELVINGROVE 76767776

Unison F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

1. Will you come and fol - low me  
 2. Will you leave your-self be - hind  
 3. Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
 5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 (C11) F

Will you go where you don't know  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free  
 Will you quell the fear in - side  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb6 Csus4 - 3

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

F C7 Dm Gm7 C11 F

will you let my life be grown  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean  
 through my sight and touch and sound  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### **Status of the Search for the New Minister:**

After a lot of due diligence and prayerful consideration, your Search Committee recommended a candidate (the Reverend Hannah Lovaglio) to the Session to be invited to Preach for the Call. After thorough deliberation, the Session agreed, and she was indeed invited to Preach for the Call. That was scheduled for last Sunday, and publicly made known via announcements in the Sunday services, in the bulletin, on the website, by our elders and in the weekly emails. In the two days prior, numerous groups had the opportunity to meet her - as did the congregation in an open house last Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, Hannah met with the youth of the church and their parents and then led the worship service. At the congregational meeting following the service, she was overwhelmingly endorsed by the membership and subsequently the call was extended to her - and accepted. At the meeting, both members and adherents (and youth) had the opportunity to sign on the "Concurrence to the Call". This concurrence will be presented to the Presbytery when it meets in a couple of weeks to approve the Call. In the meantime, the elders are currently going around to all in the congregation attempting to get as many signatures as possible on this document. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign, you're encouraged to when contacted by your elder. If you don't currently have an elder, you can still add your name and signature on a sheet that will be at the front of the sanctuary following the worship service. Everyone is strongly encouraged to endorse Hannah with your signature.

It is hoped that Hannah will start her ministry at Central in September. As things come together in the days to come, the congregation will continue to be updated.

### **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/)



# Music @ CENTRAL



## CONCERT ON THE STEPS

*The **Charlton String Quartet** performs a pop/ classical concert on the front steps of Central Presbyterian Church.*

*Limited seating available - bring a chair!*

Thursday July 3rd, 2025 **Free to Attend**

6:00 pm **Donations Welcome**

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### **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/>

***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*

**Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,  
I know I am moving from fear to love.**

*Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996),  
priest, professor, writer & theologian*

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson  
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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
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