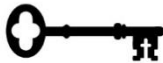




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 8, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Johanna DeBruin

Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Judy Johnson

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, it's been a crazy week; in some ways, it's been a difficult week too. Lord, in our time of worship this morning, refresh my battered spirit with your presence, soothe my weary soul with your love and strengthen my body and mind so that, in a Christian way, I might boldly face all that world will bring my way in the days to come. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Come Down, O Love Divine*

R. Vaughn Williams

Tune "Down Ampney" Arr. by M. Helman

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Come, O Spirit, With Your Sound*

Hymn 276

Union Harmony 1837, Music by H. Fuffy, Words by J. A. Dalles

*Come, O Spirit, with your sound like a wind, quick rushing;
come from heaven and stir our hearts, each disciple touching!
Mould our actions to your will, you our service giving;
move within our fellowship; transform now our living!*

*Come, O Spirit, with your flame, leaping tongues of fire;
come, and with your glorious light all our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant's head till each one is speaking
of our Christ, the Holy One all the earth is seeking!*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this place to worship and glorify the Lord our God.

**People: We're also gathered to give God thanks, to call upon God's name
and to discover God present and at work in each of our lives.**

Leader: May all gathered here this day boldly praise God's holy name
and also be open and receptive to God's leading in our lives!

**People: We praise the Lord – the one and only living God;
and we humbly open our lives to God's leading.**

Leader: Let us join then our voices together in joyful song.

* HYMN – Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

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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

* HYMN – Holy, Spirit, Truth Divine

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 17:1-26 (p. 111)

SERMON: **DEAR DAD . . .**

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *If Ye Love Me*

T. Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth, even the spirit of truth.*

* 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 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Minor*

C. Burney

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/

Holy Spirit, truth divine

SONG 13 7 7 7 7

D G/B D/F# G Asus4-3 D A/C# E7/B A D Esus4-3 7 A

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn u - pon this soul of mine;
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine;

D G/B A/C# B/D# Em6 D A /G D/F# D A7 Bm G6 A 7 D

Word of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it; clear my sight.
 kin - dle eve - ry high de - sire; per - ish self in thy pure fire.
 by thy strength I strong - ly live, brave - ly serve and glad - ly give.
 be my law and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

5. Holy Spirit, peace divine,
 still this restless heart of mine;
 speak to calm this tossing sea
 stayed on thy tranquillity.

6. Holy Spirit, joy divine,
 gladden now this heart of mine;
 in the desert ways I sing,
 "Spring, O well, forever spring."

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O Lord, hear my prayer / The Lord is my song

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER 5 5 6 D

Em /D C6 D G/B (Bm7) C B

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A. O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
B. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The

* Note: two alternate texts, not to be sung in succession.

Em /D C6 D G6 Am6- 7 B Fine Em

Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is* my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

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Faith
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Precious Lord, take my hand

PRECIOUS LORD Irregular

Swing
G

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 near; when my life is al-most gone,
 near, and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call; hold my hand lest I
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light:
 fall:
 hand:

take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Chords: G, G7, C6, D7, D7/F#, Em, A7, D, A7/E, D7, G, G7, C6, C#dim, G/D, C/E, Cm6/Eb, G/D, D7, G

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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). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena (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). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or 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 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. 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 Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



**Always give without
remembering and
always receive
without forgetting.**

*Brian Tracy (1944 –),
motivational speaker & author*

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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/>

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! 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 22nd**. 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/

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. | Pentecost Service of Worship |
| ~ Tuesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.–Noon | Final Knit & Knatter before summer (Guild Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, June 11, 3:00-7:00 p.m. | Durand Market (Forecourt) |
| ~ Sunday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. | Youth Sunday |
| ~ Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. | Candidate to Preach for the Call |

***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.***



**The love
with which
you have
loved me
may be in them,
and
I in them.**

JOHN 17:26

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