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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

August 3, 2025 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Service of Worship  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Soloist – Deborah Szabo  
Lector – Abbie Boyko  
Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Jean Williams**

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

*Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Heavenly Father, you know me like no one else does. You also know what I need in order to more faithfully follow in the steps of Jesus. Lord, in this time of worship, anoint me with your Holy Spirit; bolster my faith and enable me to boldly praise you – this day and all the days that you give me. This I ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Prelude Allegretto Op. 17, No. 5*

F. Blumenfold

## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My friends, right here, right now, God is with us in this place.  
I therefore invite you to join me in worship of the Lord our God.

**People: Holy Lord, during this time of worship enable each of us  
to lay aside our normal cares and concerns for a while.  
Draw us close to your heart,  
inspire us to be enthusiastic in our worship this day  
and then encourage us to live our daily lives in accord with your will.**

OPENING PRAYERS (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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:32-45 (pg. 46)

SERMON: *RETHINKING ME*

MEDITATION MINUTE

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness into thy health,  
out of my want and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the glorious gain of thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,  
out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love,  
out of despair into raptures above,  
upward for aye on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold,  
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

## THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *From 'The Messiah'*

G. F. Handel

*Recit:*

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be open'd, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.*

*Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.*

*Air:*

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

### \* 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!*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D Major*

H. Willan

Descant

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me a -  
 G Em D/F# G (D) Em Bm C G C D7/A Em

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work, who de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me a -

dor - ing, all who have life and breath, come with glad  
 C6 D 7 G Em D/F# G (D) Em Bm C G

a - tion: my soul, praise God who a - lone is your  
 reign - ing hides you with shel - ter - ing wings, ev - er  
 fends you; sure - ly God's mer - ci - ful good - ness here  
 dor - ing, all who have life and breath, come with glad

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prais - es out - pour - ing! Let the a - men sound from God's  
 C D7/A Em C6 D 7 G D/F# G C G C/E D/F#  
 health and sal - va - tion. Come, all who hear, sis - ters and  
 gen - tly sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how your heart's  
 dai - ly at - tends you; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es out - pour - ing! Let the a - men sound from God's

peo - ple a - gain: now and for - ev - er a - dor - ing!  
 G Am 6 G D G/B C D7/F# Em Am/C B Am/C D G  
 bro - thers draw near, join - ing in glad a - dor - a - tion.  
 wish - es have been grant - ed through God's kind or - dain - ing?  
 migh - ty can do, when in great love God be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain, now and for - e - ver a - dor - ing!

# Jesus loves me, this I know

JESUS LOVES ME 7 7 7 7 with refrain

D A D G G/D D

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so,  
 2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

D A D G D D/A A7 D

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain D G D D/A A

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

D G DA A7 D

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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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).

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

Hannah is busy getting everything ready for her move to Hamilton. Unfortunately, she and her husband Michael are not having a lot of luck finding a place to live. Coming from the States, they need to be living in Canada for at least a year before they're able to qualify for a Canadian mortgage - so in the meantime, they need to rent. That's proving to be a challenge. She writes, "*Just sending word that we were passed by on the fourth place yesterday. If you know of anyone with leads, I welcome them. Hoping for a detached or semi detached home with 3+ bedrooms and a finished basement. Good school. Our preference has been Ancaster or a little outside of downtown, as we think that will be the easiest transition for the boys. We come with a dog and a cat, happy to pay a pet deposit if needed.*"

If you have any leads or know of a suitable property, please get in touch with Philip (our Interim Moderator - [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com) or 905-574-4383). Thank you.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, August 3, 10:30 a.m.      **Service of Worship – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson preaching  
– Soloist: Deborah Szabo**
- ~ Wednesday, August 6, 3:00-7:00 p.m. **Durand Market (Forecourt)**
- ~ Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m.      **Funeral Service for Kay Lumsden**
- ~ Sunday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.      **Service of Worship – Sara Traficante preaching  
– Soloist: Katie Weresch**
- ~ Sunday, August 17, 10:30 a.m.      **Service of Worship – Rev. Lois Whitwell preaching  
– Soloist: Emma Reilly McKay**
- ~ Saturday, August 23, 11:00 a.m.      **Funeral Service for Nancy Rundle**
- ~ Sunday, August 24, 10:30 a.m.      **Service of Worship – Rev. Lois Whitwell preaching  
– Soloist: Sue Dunlop**

**We extend condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Rundle who passed away on July 26. The funeral service for Nancy Rundle is scheduled for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Central.**

**We extend condolences to the family and friends of Kathleen (Kay) Lumsden who passed away on July 29. The funeral service for Kay Lumsden is scheduled for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Central.**

## 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.



**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).

## Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



Gift and Response. In this mode, gifts exist before benefactors. The universe is a gift. Life is a gift. Air, light, soil, and water are gifts. We live on a gifted planet. Everything we need is here, with us. We freely respond to these gifts by choosing a life of mutual care.

*Diana Butler Bass*

### **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/>



“The  
**Son of Man**  
came  
not to  
be served but  
**to serve,**  
and to  
**give his life**  
as a ransom  
**for many.”**

MARK 10:45, ESV

***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.***



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