



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

July 13, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloists – Deborah Szabo & Michael Davis

Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *The Will of God Is Always Best*

French Trad., 1529

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Turn to God with confidence and expectation.

People: In you, O God, we place our trust.

Ask God to show us the road to follow.

Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.

Seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.

We will worship God in faith, hope and trust.

* HYMN – Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord Our Song

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – In The Bulb There Is A Flower

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Following the second Hymn, a program for children aged 4-13 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 30 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READING:

2 Kings 5:1-14 (pg. 336)

SERMON: *Just to Easy*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace

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1. I know not why such wondrous grace
to me God has made known;
nor why, unworthy as I am,
Christ claimed me for his own,

2. I know not why this saving faith
to me God did impart,
nor how believing in the word brought
peace into my heart,
Refrain

Refrain:

but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing me of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him:
Refrain

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY DUET *It Is Well With My Soul* Words by H. G. Spafford, Music by P. P. Bliss

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain*

Refrain: It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't: My sin not in part, but the whole is nail'd to the cross
and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul. Refrain*

* 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

Creator God, source of all life and each life,
we come to you in prayer this day,
grateful that your world is full of wonder and possibility,
but also in desperate need of your reconciling love.
We pray for the many different peoples of this world,
divided as we are into many nations, clans, cultures, and spiritual traditions.
Help us understand those differences more fully,
and honour the good things that bind us together despite differences.
Bless both our diversity and our unity as those who belong to you.

God of all the earth,

Teach us to live in love.

Loving God, source of truth and wisdom,
in the world we are confronted by powers and authorities.
Help us recognize their potential for both good and evil,
and act wisely and faithfully to discern whom to trust
and when to act.
When we see injustice or recognize falsehood,
give us the courage to speak up in Christ's name.
Open our eyes to our own weakness and bias,
and speak to us through the example of Jesus, our Lord.

God of all the earth,

Teach us to live in love.

Compassionate God,
the world is filled with violence and hatred, costing innocent lives.
We sometimes feel powerless to do anything about it.
Today our hearts ache for those who live amid brutal conflict,
for those who have died through violence,
and for those who suffer the many effects of trauma.

Keep silence for at least ten seconds.

We pray for those who have lost their homes through conflict
and fled their countries just to survive.
Open hearts and homes to welcome those who flee
and protect those who stay amid conflict to offer care.

God of all the earth,

Teach us to live in love.

All-knowing God,
you see into our hearts and know the heartaches we carry.
We pray for those living with illness and pain,
for those who mourn the loss of someone or something dear,
and for all those struggling with anxiety or despair in these challenging times.

Keep silence for at least ten seconds.

God of all the earth,

Teach us to live in love.

Wise and welcoming God,
give us the grace to live out our faith among family and friends,
with acquaintances and strangers.
Help us to trust your guidance in all situations
as 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 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,
traveling through life's wilderness.

2. We give thanks and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
May your presence, may your presence
with us evermore be found,

3. so that when your love shall call us,
Saviour, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
live in you in endless day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata - J. P. Sweelinck; Capriccio - G. Frescobaldi

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

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C C/B Am G6 F G

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song;
 2. O thirs-ty soul, come drink at the well;
 3. You dwell a - mong us and cause us to pray, and
 4. Des-erts shall bloom and moun - tains shall sing

Em Am Am/G F G

we have stood si - lent - ly too long;
 God's liv - ing wa - ters will nev - er fail.
 walk with each oth - er fol - lowing your way;
 to the de - sire of all liv - ing things.

C C/B Am G6 Fmaj7 G

sure - ly the Lord de - serves our praise, so
 Sure - ly the Lord will help you to stand,
 our prec - ious bro - thers and sis - ters will grow
 Come, all you crea - tures, high and low;

Dm G Am Em F G C

joy - ful - ly thank God for our days.
 strength - ened and com - for - ted by God's hand.
 in the ful - fill - ing love they know.
 let your prais - es end - less - ly flow.

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Faith

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In the bulb there is a flower

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Unison F Gm/F

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er, in the seed, an ap - ple tree,
 2. There's a song in eve - ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning, in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C7/G F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in eve - ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing, in our life, e - ter - ni - ty,

F7 Bb (Gm6) F/A Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion, at the last, a vic - to - ry,

/C Bb Gm6 F/C Dm Gm 7 C 7 F#sus4-3

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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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 happened on June 22nd and was 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 on June 21st. Also, on the Sunday morning, Hannah met with the youth of the church and their parents prior to leading 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, and then over the following couple of weeks, 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 of Hamilton when it meets on July 15th to approve the Call.

Once approved by the Presbytery, it's 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.

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.



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*

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13 NIV



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