



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 HAMILTON

July 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Worship Leader - Sara Traficante

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist - Katie Weresch

Cellist - Kirk Starkey

Guitarists - Christine & Jeremy Sandor

Lectors - Risa Umezio & Seke Fowode

Greeters - Nancy Rundle & Tracy Woodrow

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Cello Sonata No. 5, RV 40*

A. Vivaldi

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

People: God is our stronghold. Of whom shall we be afraid?

Let us be strong and of good courage as we wait upon God

God has called us together, and we have come.

Let us thank God forever, because of what God has done.

We will proclaim God's holy name, for God is good. Let us worship God!

* HYMN - When Morning Gilds The Skies

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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 - Sanctuary

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 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

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 15 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 18:1-10 (pg. 14)

Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 72)

SERMON: *Responding to the Promise*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Jesus, Life Of All The World

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

C. Gounod

*The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And He is mine for ever.*

*Where streams of living waters flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth,
The King of Love my Shepherd is.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I stray'd, But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd May I sing Thy praise, For ever!*

* **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 - Lord Of All Power

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion*

G. Parker

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/

When morning gilds the skies

LAUDES DOMINI 666666

Descant

4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,
 4. Qu'en joie comme en dé - tres - se nos chants di - sent sans ces - se:

B \flat Cm7susB \flat /D E \flat Cm7 F7 E \flat /G F7 B \flat F/A Gm7 C Dm7

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:
 2. To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:
 1. Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chè - ve:
 2. Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! be this the e - ter - nal * song
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Que dans tout les lan - ga - ges

C7/E F B \flat C7sus4-3 F /E \flat B \flat /D F7/C B \flat F7/A F6

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals too, up - raise
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! L'É - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

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through all the a - ges on, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ce soit le chant des â - ges: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

F/E♭ B♭/D B♭ C6 - 7 F /E♭ B♭/D7/C B♭ /A♭ E♭/G F7sus4-3 B♭

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 their voice in hymns of praise; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 mon coeur a Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!
 chan - te l'a - mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

3. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let earth and sea and sky,
 from depth to height reply:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 be this the eternal song
 through all the ages on:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. C'est le chœur des louanges
 qu'entonnent tous les anges:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!
 Et que la terre entière
 répète la prière:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!

4. Qu'en joie comme en détresse
 nos chants disent sans cesse:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!
 Que dans tous les langages
 ce soit le chant des âges:
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!

Jesus, life of all the world

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F C F B♭6 C F Dm C/E F F/C C

1. Je - sus, life of all the world, source and sum of all cre - a - tion,
 2. Life of free - dom, glad - ness, truth, all our guilt and fear trans - cend - ing;
 3. Yours is life that makes us stand firm for truth, all wrong de - fy - ing;
 4. Je - sus, life of all the world, you are Lord of eve - ry na - tion;

F C F B♭6 C F Dm C/E F F/C C

Son of God and Son of Man, on - ly hope of our sal - va - tion,
 life that leaps be - yond the grave, God's own life that knows no end - ing;
 yours the strength by which we strive, on your ho - ly arm re - ly - ing;
 by your Ho - ly Spir - it's power make your Church your in - car - na - tion

C Gm/B♭Am Gm/F C/E F /E B♭/D Csus4-3 B♭ (maj7) C Dm B♭6 C F

Liv - ing Word for all our need, life you give is life in - deed!
 life e - ter - nal, gift un - priced, free - ly ours in Je - sus Christ!
 yours the war we wage on sin, yours the power by which we win.
 till our lives of truth and grace show our world your hu - man face!

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Lord of all power

SLANE 10 11 11 11

1. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
 2. Lord of all wis - dom, I give you my mind,
 3. Lord of all boun - ty, I give you my heart;
 4. Lord of all be - ing, I give you my all.

in joy - ful o - be - dience your tasks to ful - fil.
 rich truth that sur - pass - es our know - ledge to find.
 I praise and a - dore you for all you im - part:
 If e'er I dis - own you, I stum - ble and fall,

Your bond - age is free - dom, your serv - ice is song,
 What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
 your love to in - spire me, your coun - sel to guide,
 but, sworn in glad serv - ice your word to o - bey,

and, held in your keep - ing, my weak - ness is strong.
 is taught by your Spir - it and shines from your word.
 your pres - ence to cheer me, what - ev - er be - tide.
 I walk in your free - dom to the end of the way.

Chords: Eb /G Ab Bb /Ab Eb/G Ab/C Fm6 Eb
 Eb/G Bb Fm /Eb Bb/D Eb /G Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb
 Eb/G Ab Ab/Eb Eb Bb/D Cm Gm 7 Ab
 Bb/Ab Eb/G Eb /D Cm Eb/G Ab6 /C Eb

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Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity

For if you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

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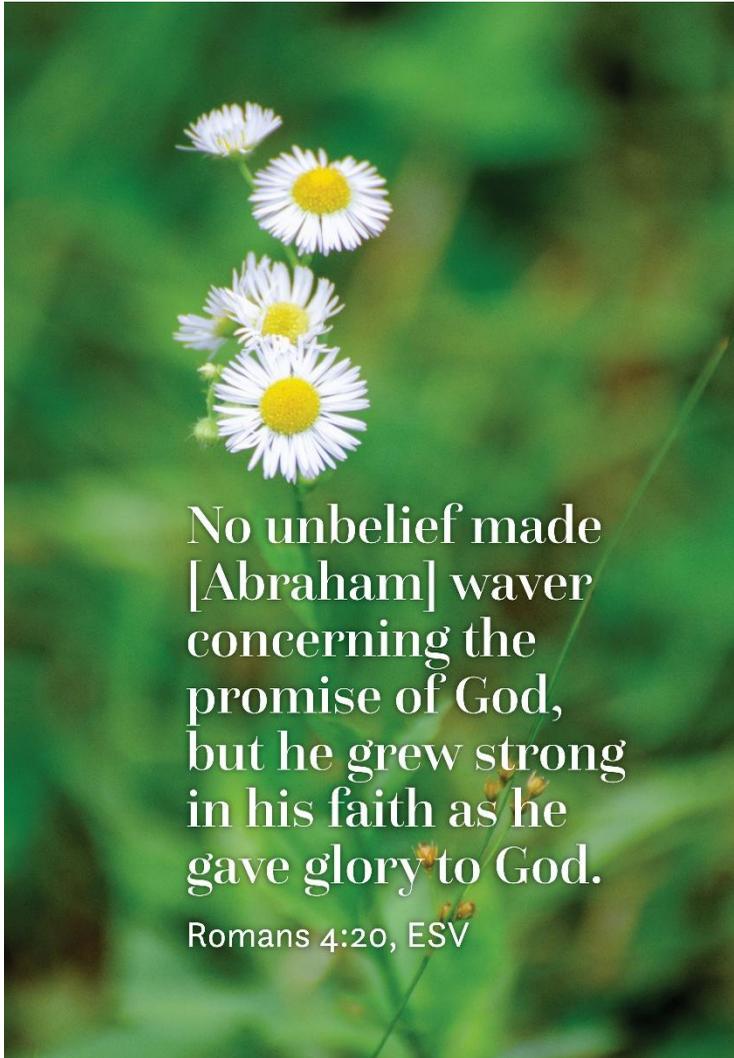
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We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement 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.



Prompts for reflection:

According to legend, God instructs three angels to visit and bring comfort to Abraham, but they don't want to go. "It's too hot," they argue. "That place is too dirty for angels like us."



(image from Cappella Paletina, Palermo, Sicily)

But God is clear: it is precisely the most uncomfortable, the loneliest, and the scariest places that demand our presence. "If you won't go," God says, "I'll do it myself."

The angels were right that it was unpleasant there. And yet that's where we find God, right by Abraham's side. - from *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World* by Rabbi Sharon Brous

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