



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 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Soloist – Emma Reilly McKay
Lector – Jean Williams
Greeters – Gloria Gavin & Judy Johnson

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, this morning I come into your house of prayer to praise your most holy name and to be spiritually sustained for the living of these days. In this time of worship, surrounded by fellow believers, please calm my heart, my mind, and my spirit, so that I might be fully receptive to your call upon my life. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE Choral Prelude on "Gott Sei Dank" (To God Be Thanks)

R. R. Peery

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: The Lord our God is the only one true God - and the Lord is good.

People: **God's steadfast love is continually showered upon the faithful,
and God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, De fender, Redeemer and Friend.

5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-9:1 (pg. 43)

SERMON: ***RETHINKING THE MESSIAH***

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Take Up Your Cross

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1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.
4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "*He Shall Feed His Flock*" from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

*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.*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and
He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He
Is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

* 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 – There Is A Redeemer

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CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Thy Strong Word* Arr. by L. Smith, Based on the tune 'Ebenezer' by T. J. Williams

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.

Open our eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES Irregular

Unison

D A/G G A7sus A7

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see
2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A/C# Bm Bm/A Gam7

Je - sus, to reach out and touch
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Em A7sus A7 G/D D

1.
him, and say that we love him.
Lord,

A7sus A7 Em/D D

2.
we want to see Je - sus.

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There is a redeemer

THERE IS A REDEEMER Irregular

Unison Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Fm Eb/G Ab Bb7

1. There is a re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2. Je - sus my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all
 3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his

Eb Bb Eb Fm Eb/G

Son, names, face, and there I'll serve my

Ab Eb/G Fm7 Bb 7 Eb Ab/Bb Bb

God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly one.
 God, Mes-si-ah, oh for sin - ners slain.
 King for-ev-er, in that ho - ly place.

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Refrain

E♭ Eb/G A♭ Eb A♭ B♭

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your

E♭ B♭ Eb Fm Eb/G A♭ Eb/G

Son, and leav - ing your Spir - it till your

Fm7 B♭ 7 Eb Ab/B♭ B♭ Eb

1., 2. 3.

work on earth is done. done.

Status of the Search for the New Minister:

Exciting News!!! The Presbytery of Hamilton met Tuesday, July 15th to consider the Call that we extended to the Reverend Hannah Lovaglio. As agreed at the last congregational meeting, our representatives (Sue Dunlop, Mark Stuppel and Kristel Forcier) spoke in favour of the Call. They did a great job (and we owe them a well-deserved round of applause). When the motion "came to the floor", it was overwhelmingly approved. Now we're working with the immigration lawyer to do all that's necessary for Hannah and her family to legally live and work here in Hamilton. Hannah and Michael are also in the midst of securing a place to live when they get here. Plans are still in flux, but we're currently anticipating her first day in the office being September 15th, and her first day leading worship being September 21st.

These are exciting times for Central as we look forward to beginning a new chapter in the life of this faith community. Praise the Lord!

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.

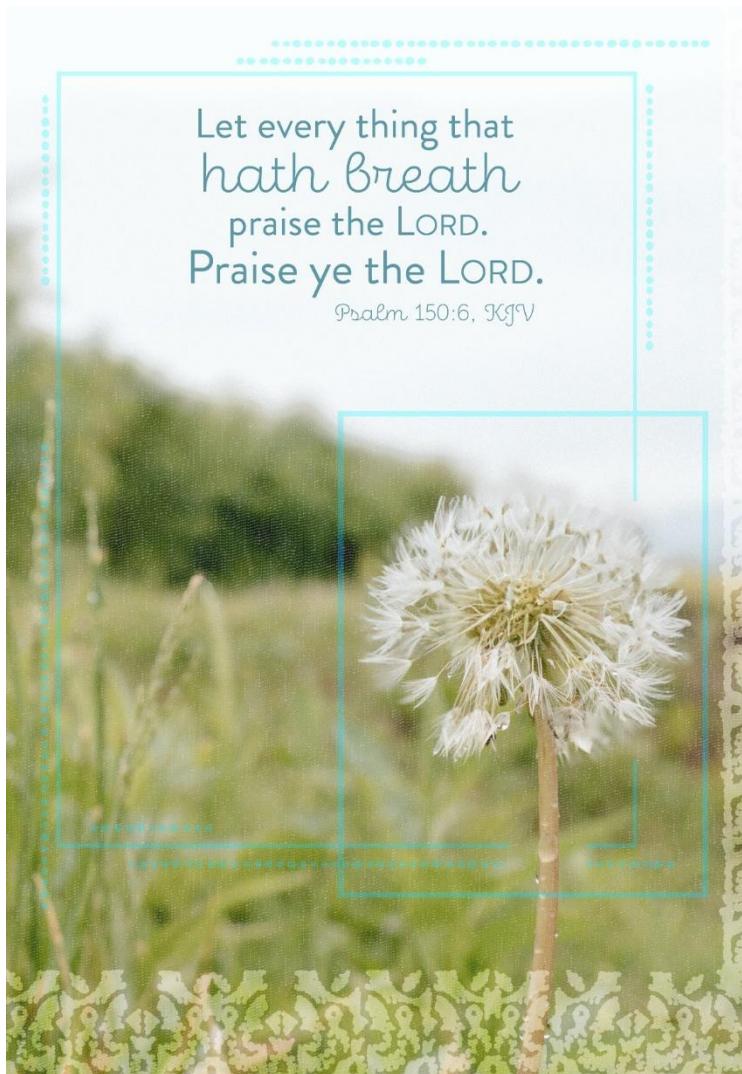
No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.

CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/

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.



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*

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me.

Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), columnist

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Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
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