



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 6, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister - Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist - Paula Grove

Lector - Abbie Boyko

Greeters - Shirley Fredlander & Tracy Woodrow

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy God, you came to us, and we come to you through Jesus Christ.

Help us as a congregation to find our joy in him,

such that we think, speak, and act like him,

giving others a taste of the new life you have for all. Amen

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Pastorale*

S. Karg-Elert

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel [*Philippians 1:27*]

* HYMN - Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

410 (see pgs. 5-6)

OPENING PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

* HYMN - Sing A New Song Unto The Lord

422 (see pgs. 7-8)

Following the second Hymn, a program for children 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 86:1-13 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Philippians 4:1-7 (pg. 198)

SERMON: *Living as a Christian Congregation in post-Christian Canada*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

757 (see pg. 9)

THE OFFERING

SOLO OFFERTORY *Will Your Anchor Hold* Words by P. J. Owens, Music by W. J. Kirkpatrick

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?

When the strong tides lift and the cables strain, will your anchor drift or firm remain?

*Refrain: We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers roar and the reef is near?

While the surges rave and the wild winds blow, shall the angry waves then your bark o'er flow? Refrain

Will your eyes behold through the morning light the city of gold and the harbour bright?

Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore, when life's storms are past forever more? 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!

PASTORAL 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

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

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1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a strong abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading
light by night and shade by day
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
we, through grace, a part may claim,
let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Trumpet of the Morning*

F. Ritter

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.

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.

Joyful, joyful we adore you

HYMN TO JOY 8787D

G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you;
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
 4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7

God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like
 earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels
 ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the
 mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D

flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the
 sing a - round you, cen - tre of un -
 joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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 arrangement, Edward Hodges (1796–1867)

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Sing a new song unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG 7 6 9 6 with refrain (8 9 8 6)

Unison

Refrain G

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

sung from moun - tain's height. Sing a new song

un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!

Fine

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G D7/A Am/G D/F# Em /D C6 G6/B

1. For God's peo - ple dance for joy. Oh come be - fore the
 2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - iour now has
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry of the

D7/A G D7/F# G D7/A Am/G /E D

Lord, play for the Lord on glad tam - bou - rines, and
 come. He has turned your sor - row to joy, and
 Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I

C Am7 Dsus4- 2- 3 D.C. al Fine

let your trum - pet sound.
 filled your soul with song.
 know my Sav - iour lives.

Come sing, O church, in joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH 12 12 4 12

D A/C# D Bm F#m/A G D/F# A7/E D A

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3. Let cour-age be our friend, let wis-dom be our guide,
 4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

D Bm 7 E /D A/C# D A/E E 7 A

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis-sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

D G Em6 Bm D/F# A/E D G/B D G Em6 D/F# Env/G D/A A 7 D

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

See also: Darwall's 148th 267 606

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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 was scheduled for last Sunday, and 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 last Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, Hannah met with the youth of the church and their parents and then led 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, 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 when it meets in a couple of weeks to approve the Call. In the meantime, the elders are currently going around to all in the congregation attempting to get as many signatures as possible on this document. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign, you're encouraged to when contacted by your elder. If you don't currently have an elder, you can still add your name and signature on a sheet that will be at the front of the sanctuary following the worship service. Everyone is strongly encouraged to endorse Hannah with your signature.

It is 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.

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/

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/>



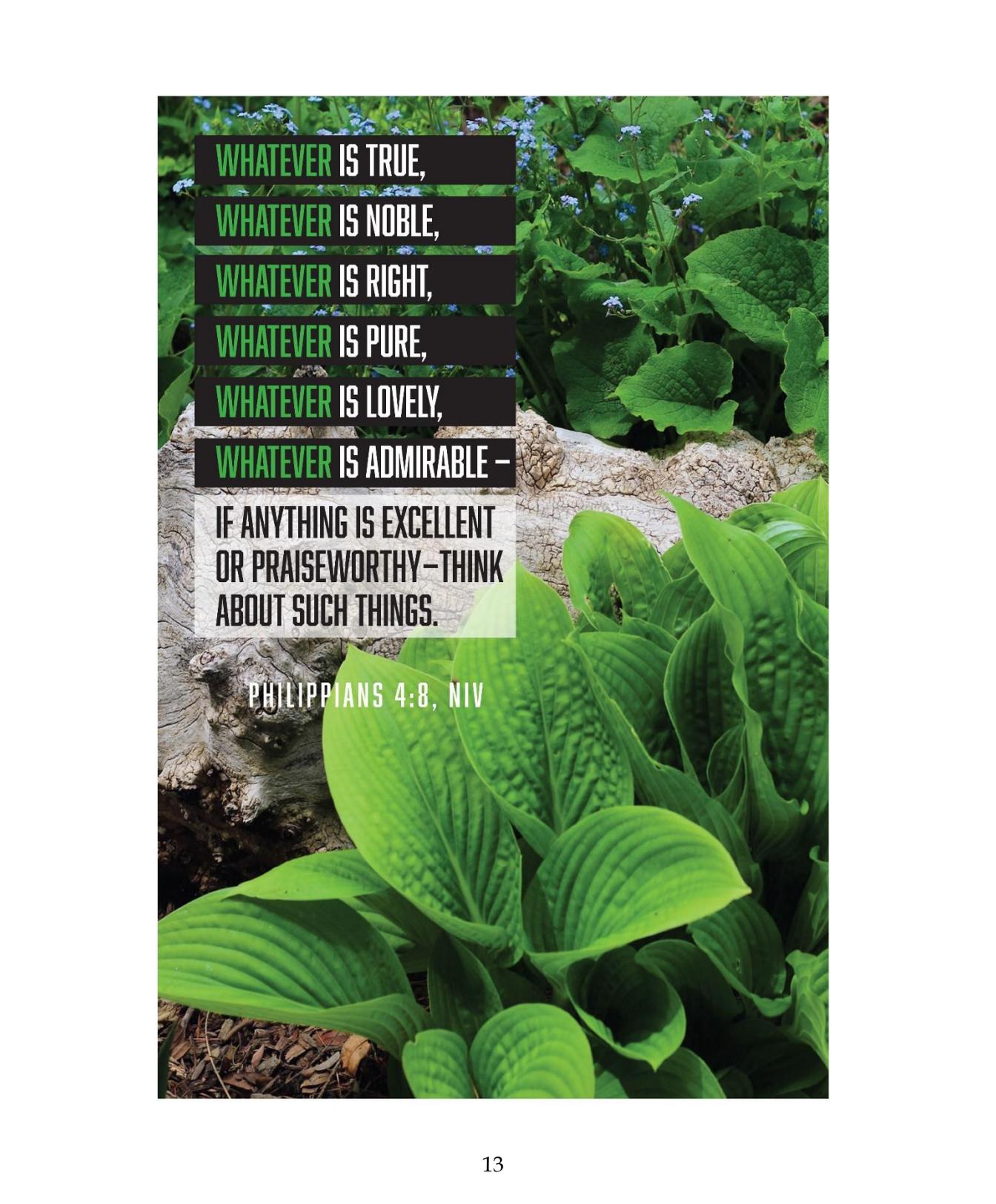
**We must strive
to become
good ancestors.**

Ralph Nader



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WHATEVER IS TRUE,

WHATEVER IS NOBLE,

WHATEVER IS RIGHT,

WHATEVER IS PURE,

WHATEVER IS LOVELY,

WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE –

**IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT
OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK
ABOUT SUCH THINGS.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NIV

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*



God has given us two hands-- one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.

*Billy Graham (1918 – 2018),
evangelist, minister & civil rights advocate*

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