



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

August 24, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service of Worship

Minister - Rev. Lois Whitwell
Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Soloist - Sue Dunlop
Lector - Tracy Woodrow
Greeters - Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben* ("Christ Is My Life")

J. G. Walther

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

* HYMN - Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

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1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an everrolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, our judge and our hope,
we confess we often turn away from your truth,
and ignore your call to do justice.
Forgive us when we say one thing in worship
but do another in the ways we live.
Forgive us when we ignore how others are treated
and think only of ourselves.
Let your judgement awaken us and your mercy refresh us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN - Simply Trusting

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1. Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine;
while he leads I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.
(Refrain)

3. Singing, if my way be clear,
praying, if the path be drear,
if in danger for him call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.
(Refrain)

4. Trusting him while life shall last,
trusting him till earth be past,
till within the jasper wall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.
(Refrain)

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 71:1-16 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 698)

Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 76)

SERMON: *Being Known*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Lord, Speak To Me

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1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Angels Ever Bright and Fair* from 'Theodora'

G. F. Handel

*Angels, ever bright and fair,
Take, oh take me to your care;
Speed to your own courts my flight,
Clad in robes of virgin white.*

* 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

We will be using verse 1 of #64 "Be still and know that I am God" as a sung response in places marked.

Lord God, loving God, gather us into your presence as we pray.
Silence our hearts and minds in these moments
so that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit
who prays within us through our sighs too deep for words.

Silence

And so we sing:

Sung response: **Be still and know that I am God (x3)**

O God, we lay before you our thanks and our concerns
as we remember those who have come to our attention
through conversations or chance encounters this week.
We offer gratitude for moments of joy and goodness,
and remember pleasures stirred by your Spirit.

Silence

And so we sing:

Sung response: **Be still and know that I am God x3**

We remember all those whose situations are very close to our hearts today,
those facing stress or sorrow,
those challenged by pain or illness,
those making a new beginning or searching for a new path.

We remember the things in the news lately that concern us deeply:
the stress on the environment and worries about its future,
the pressures on those who have lost jobs or cannot find work,
the pain of those who meet discrimination or hatred in daily life,
tensions among nations who threaten each other.

Silence

And so we sing:

Sung response: **Be still and know that I am God x3**

And we remember one another, and needs known and unknown in this community.
Bless us as we make a new beginning together as summer turns to autumn.
Show us the paths of ministry you are opening before us.
We believe you hear our prayers and will be faithful to answer according to your will,
so together we offer the prayer Jesus has given 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 - I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Minor*

J. J. Charpentier

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.

Status of the Search for the New Minister:

We're happy to let everyone know that the Rev. Hannah Lovaglio and her family were able to secure housing in the Dundas area. Plans have already been made for their move to Canada which will take place at the end of August. Her official start date here at Central will be September 1st, but we'll be giving her a couple of weeks for them to get settled. She will begin office hours in mid-September and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be on the 21st. That afternoon, the Presbytery of Hamilton will have a Service of Induction here to officially induct Hannah into her ministry at Central followed by a reception. Then, the following Sunday (the 28th - SAVE THE DATE) - there'll be a luncheon following the service to officially welcome Hannah and her family to Central. More details will be forthcoming as things progress.

I, the Lord of sea and sky

HERE I AM, LORD 14 11 14 11 with refrain (8 9 8 9)

G Am G C/G G D/F#

* 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 /B C /B Am F#m/G D D/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them: they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7/B Am/C/B Am G/B Am7/C Dsus4-3

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

* Verses may be sung by a soloist

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Refrain /F# G Gsus G /B (Am7) G C/E /D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7/G Am G/B Am/C Dsus /F# D7

heard you call-ing in the night; I will

G Gsus G C/E /D G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G Fine

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.**

*Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996),
priest, professor, writer & theologian*



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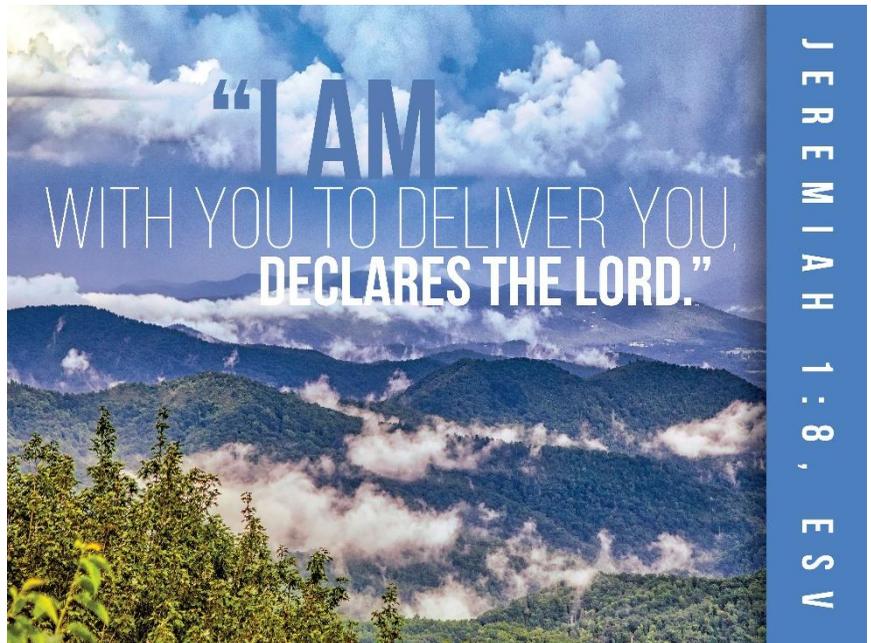
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* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement
<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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.



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