



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
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 31, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Alyssa DiMarco

Greeters – Tracy Woodrow & Gloria Gavin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Adagio in F, Op. 135, No. 2*

G. Merkel

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

People: Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!

For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

Let us worship the Lord our God,

For God has done great things for us, and so we bring God praise.

* 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 – All My Hope On God Is Founded

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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 112 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (pg. 227)

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (pg. 77)

SERMON: *A Place at the Table*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Help Us Accept Each Other

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Pie Jesu*

G. Fauré

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Pious Lord Jesus, give them rest.

Pious Lord Jesus, give them eternal rest.

* 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

God of all times and all people,
on this Labour Day weekend,
we thank you for all the skill and talent with which you bless your people.
Thank you for what we have accomplished through the work we do,
and for what each one of us contributes to the wellbeing of our community.
Inspire us to work together on the challenges we face
and surprise us with the solutions to problems that once seemed overwhelming.
God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for all those who labour in difficult situations:
for children who work in terrible conditions and are paid very little.;
for migrant workers who must labour far away from their families;
and for all those who are underpaid or unjustly treated in their workplace.

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who cannot labour:
for those who are unemployed or underemployed;
for those who have become injured on the job or too sick to keep working;
for those who are denied the opportunity to earn a living because of war or discrimination.
God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who labour in our community.
for those who must work today and tomorrow instead of enjoying this long weekend;
for those who must work several jobs in order to care for their families;
for those who work at jobs we wouldn't do ourselves because they are messy or unpleasant.
God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And on this Labour Day, O God, we offer gratitude for laws that protect children,
for health and safety practices that prevent tragedies in the workplace,
and for generations before us who advocated for vulnerable employees,
fair wages and equal opportunities.
Thank you for the work that goes on behind the scenes,
delivering things we enjoy and services we rely on.
Help us to look beyond these things
to picture the faces of those whose work provides for all our needs.
Through their faces, let us see your face, Creator and Sustainer of all that is.
We ask this in Jesus' name who taught to pray together, saying:

**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 - The Love Of God Comes Close

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Adagio and Allegro from the Voluntary in C Major*

G. F. Handel

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

FORNEY 9889

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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All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL 8787337

F (G) Cm6/Eb Bb/D Gm C 9 F (G) Cm

1. All my hope on God is found - ed who does still my
 2. Hu - man pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown, be -
 3. God's great good-ness reigns e - ter - nal, deep in wis - dom,
 4. Dai - ly does Al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

Gm/D D9 G C11 F#us2 - 1 F6 Dm/B Em7

trust re - new; through all change and chance God guides me,
 tray all trust; what our care and toil es - tab - lish,
 pass - ing thought; light and life are all God's splen - dour
 us be - stow, God's de - sire our soul de - light - ing,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing

A Dm7 Em7 C/E Fmaj7 G7 C F/A F7 Bb (G)

on - ly good and on - ly true. Love un - known,
 tower and tem - ple, fall to dust, but God's power,
 bring - ing beau - ty out of naught. Ev - er - more
 pleas - ure lead - ing where we go. Love will stand
 for the gift of Christ, the Son. Hear Christ call

Cm/A Daug Gm Aaug/C#A7 Dm (7) G6 C 9 F

God's a - lone, calls my heart to be God's own.
 hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 from God's store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 at God's hand; joy will wait on God's com - mand.
 one and all: you that fol - low shall not fall.

Help us accept each other

BARONITA 7 6 7 6 D

G Em 7 Cmaj7 Em Am7 G/B Em/B B7 C /B

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Am 7 G/D (Am/D) G/B A9 Em A9/C# Dsus4-3

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

G 6 C/E Em/D C6 G/B Bsus2-3 Em /D

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all - not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

C /B Am G/B Em /G Amsus4 D9 (D) G

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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D/F# G Em G/B C G D G/B C/E G/D D/C G/B

The love
 The peace
 The joy of God is here to stay, em - brac - ing those who
 The grace
 The Son

D7/A G D /C G/B D G C G/D D 7 G

walk the Way; the
 love
 peace
 joy of God is here to stay.
 grace
 Son

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, and their move to Canada has taken place. Rev. Hannah's official start date here at Central will be September 1st, but we will be giving her a couple of weeks for the family 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, all are invited to the Service of Induction by the Presbytery of Hamilton to officially induct Hannah into her ministry at Central followed by a reception. Then, the following Sunday, September 28th (SAVE THE DATE), there will be a luncheon following the service to officially welcome Hannah and her family to Central. More details will be forthcoming as things progress.

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).

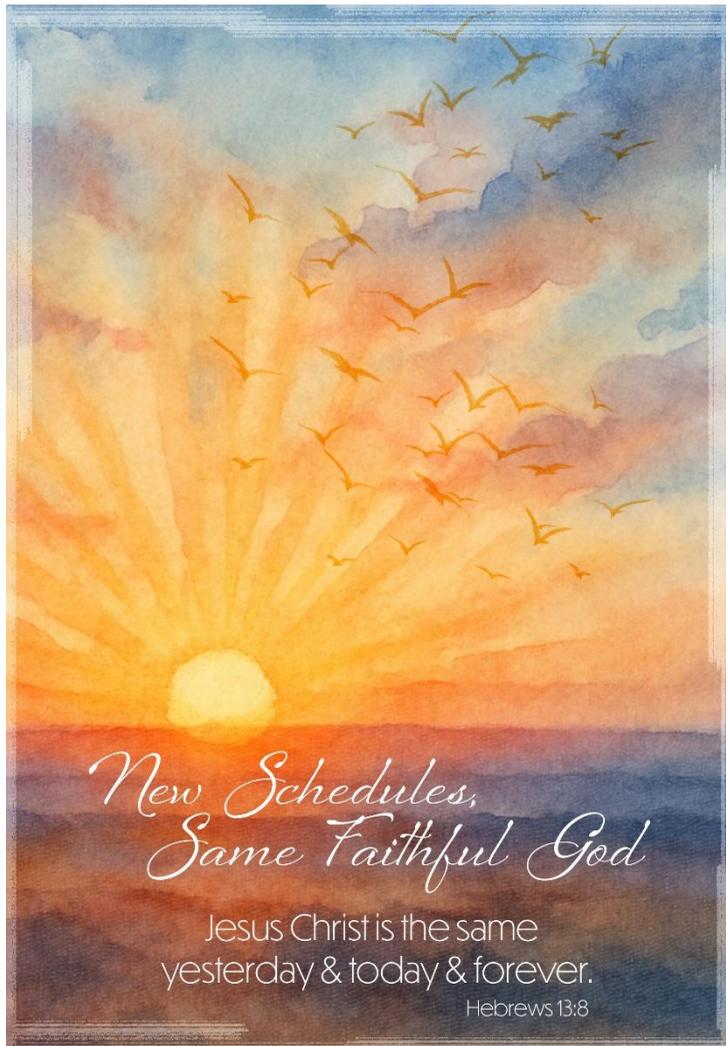
If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

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

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

A.A. Milne



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