



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

March 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector - Elsje Zwart

Greeters - Jim & Valerie Dunlop

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

*Welcome, Families! We offer a staffed **nursery** throughout the service for young ones up to age 4. Children's bulletins and colouring pages are available on the table in the Sanctuary entryway. Following the **God's Word For The Children**, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 8 in the downstairs HUB area. Children who attend Faith Finders will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn to receive the blessing alongside the entire congregation.*

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'In Babilone'*

D. Lasky Tune: Dutch melody

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

196 vs. 5 & 6

*So let us choose the path of one who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!*

*Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings, on Easter day will live again!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

All: Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Come, Let us worship God.

* HYMN – O Breath Of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

Hymn 384 (see pg. 6)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

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

GOD’S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Hymn 348 v. 1

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

* HYMN – Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Day

Hymn 200

1. Lord Jesus, who through forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins,
and at your side to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend,
and did the vict'ry win,
oh give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.

3. As thirst and hunger once you bore,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and daily live
by your most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
and through the Passiontide,
now, evermore, in life and death,
Lord Christ, with us abide.

5. Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 130 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 104)

John 11:1-45

SERMON: **Four Days Too Late**

**Jesus was truly human.
 Tried and tested as we are,
 yet without sin,
 he experienced the depths of life.
 Jesus understands us.
 He felt the joy of friendship,
 the pain of rejection,
 and died a human death.
 He trusted the Father completely
 and lived in the Holy Spirit.
 Neither temptation nor threat
 prevented him from loving God
 and his neighbour as himself.
 He showed us what it means
 to be a child of God.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – In The Bulb There Is A Flower

Hymn 674 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

Tithes and offerings can be given electronically through Canada Helps website, found using the QR code to the right.



CHORAL *Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God* - J. Stainer

*Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are seal'd unto the day of redemption.
 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking,
 Be put away from you with all malice.
 And be ye kind:
 Be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
 ev'n as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Hymn 205 vs. 6

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,
 the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

PRAYER 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 - Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 461 (see pgs. 8-9)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns* A. Giamanco, Tune by J. Clarke

*As the postlude is offered,
you may stay and receive the music,
or go and bless the world God loves.*



Welcome to Central. If you're new today, we're glad you've come.

We're a community seeking to live with courage, kindness, and grace. We don't have all the answers, but we trust God is with us as we learn and grow together. 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 or prayer needs, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or lois@cpchamilton.ca).

We commend to God the life of Carole MacVicar, the wife of Don MacVicar, who died on March 13, 2026. Don & Carole are the founding Co-Directors of Inner City Outreach Ministry. We hold Don, their family and loved ones in our prayers. Central supported Inner City Outreach Ministry for many years. Visitation and Funeral details are listed on the Donald V Brown Funeral Home website.

<https://donaldivbrown.ca/tribute/details/8937/Carole-MacVicar/obituary.html#tribute-start>

God the Holy Spirit

384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

SPIRITUS VITAE 9898

D F#m G A6 A/G F#m7 D/F# Bm /A G6

1. O Breath of life, come sweep - ing through us; re - vive your
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till hum - bly
3. O Breath of love, come breathe with - in us, re - new - ing
4. O Tongues of fire, come rest up - on us, so we may

D/F# F#m Gmaj7 E7/G# Asus4-3 Bm F#m G F#/G G6

church with life and power. O Breath of life, come cleanse, re -
we con - fess our need; then in your ten - der - ness re -
thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a - fresh to
speak your word a - right; kin - dle the flame of love a -

A/G D/F# G D/F# Em6 D F#m G6 A7 D

new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
make us, re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
win us, re - vive your church in eve - ry part.
mong us; e - quip your church to spread the light.

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In the bulb there is a flower

PROMISE 8 7 8 7 D

Unison F Gm/F

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er, in the seed, an ap - ple tree,
 2. There's a song in eve - ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning, in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C7/G F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in eve - ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing, in our life, e - ter - ni - ty,

F7 Bb (Gm6) F/A Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion, at the last, a vic - to - ry,

/C Bb Gm6 F/C Dm Gm 7 C 7 Fsus4-3

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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Be thou my vision

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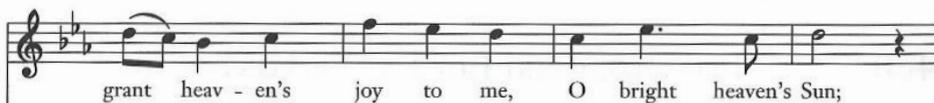
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Unison



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom; be thou my true word,
3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain earth - ly praise,
5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,



- naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my ar - mour and be thou my might;
 thou my in - her - it - ance, through all my days;
 grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;



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heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

$A\flat$ $A\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ Cm $Gm7$ $A\flat$ (maj7) $B\flat/A\flat$

thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 thou my great Fath - er, thine own may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter and thou my high tower,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

$E\flat/G$ $E\flat$ (/D) Cm $E\flat/G$ $A\flat6$ /C $E\flat$

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art!
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

March is Fraud Prevention Month. Scams are ever evolving, and frequently impersonate church leaders, bank or phone company representatives. We encourage you to stay alert and informed. Remember no one from the church will ever ask for personal information or request assistance with gift cards or payments. Learn more here: https://support.bell.ca/Billing-and-Accounts/Security_and_privacy

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.**

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

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca or send a cheque.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving (see above for the for the QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office.



Sundays ~ at 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service ~ March 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service ~ April 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday Choir Concert ~ April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday ~ April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sundays in March, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

~ Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.

~ Monday, March 23, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.

~ Thursday, March 26, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, March 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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~ Friday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

~ Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

~ Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, April 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

~ Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John

Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service

H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall)

Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)

H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Ramp Door)

Central Choir Rehearsal

Small Group Study (Guild Room)

Central Youth Movie Night

Palm Sunday / Intergenerational Service

Central Book Club (Allan Room)

Session Meeting

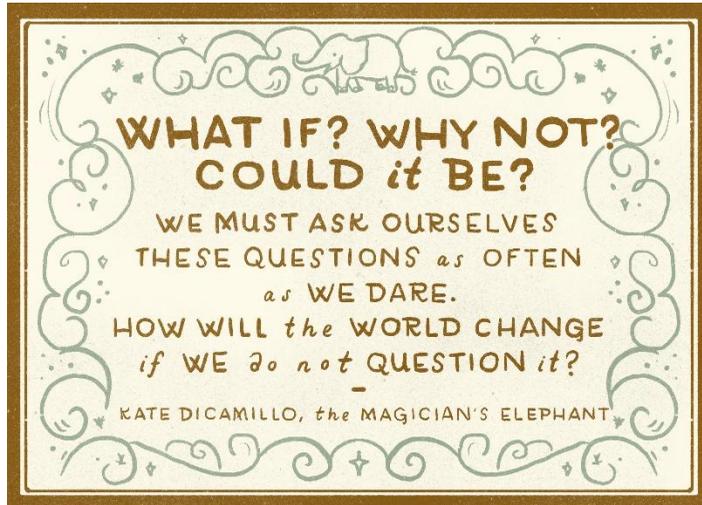
Music@Central: Marcus Scholtes & Ben Smith

Final Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John

Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

Palm Sunday is Intergenerational Children and Youth Sunday, with an Easter Egg Hunt after the service. Youth Group students are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for set up. Faith Finders students are asked to arrive at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

For more information, please contact Michael Lovaglio at michael@cpchamilton.ca.



Sermon Notes



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/>

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Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**And do not forget to do good
and to share with
others, for with
such sacrifices
God is pleased.**

Hebrews 13:16



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***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.***