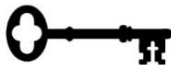




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 19, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector - Judy Johnson

Greeters - Gloria Gavin & Judy Johnson

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.

The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God.

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude: How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds*

R. Syner

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him*

528 vs. 1 & 3

Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps the promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides. Race and class and gender and language: such are barriers he derides. Join the hands of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come from many places, following different roads.

All: **We come hungering for greater understanding.**

We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

We come seeking companions in the faith.

We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

We come to grow as disciples of Christ.

Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God,
you are the light of the hearts that love you
the life of the souls that serve you
the inspiration of those who seek you:
you are infinite, eternal and unchanging,
filled with love and compassion,
abundant in grace and truth.
To turn from you is to fall and
to turn towards you is to rise up:
Your works everywhere praise you
and your glory and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ,
and so we praise you as Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Remembering Christ's loving kindness and mercy, we confess our sins together:

**Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed;
by what we have done and left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, body, mind and soul
and we have not loved our neighbours as we love ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
amend what we are and
direct who we shall be.
in Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**

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 - He Leadeth Me

Hymn 650

1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
A faithful follower I would be,
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!
(Refrain)

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, what ever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me!
(Refrain)

4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 90)

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: **But We Had Hoped**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 8.1.1 & 8.1.2

Disciples of Christ are called to obedience.

Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Obedience involves us totally.

**Yet as we give ourselves to him we discover
that his service alone brings true freedom.**

**Life in Christ is formed in a believing community,
and expressed in daily living.**

**We are to bring Christ's healing presence
to the world for which he died,
his peace to its pain and anguish.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Come To Us, Beloved Stranger

Hymn 262 (see pgs. 7-8)

THE OFFERING

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CHORAL OFFERING *O, Clap Your Hands - R. Vaughan Williams*

*O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph,
For the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth.*

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises;

For God is King of all the earth; sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

* 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; praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION

As prayers of intercession are offered, we pray together:

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

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 – Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Hymn 665 (see pgs. 9-10)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Easter Postlude on Maccabeus (Thine Be The Glory)*

- S. Peberdy, on a melody by G. F. Handel

*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 the office (info@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

Easter

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Come to us, beloved Stranger

BEACH SPRING 8787D

Unison

F Gm/F F Gm/F F/E Bb/D Bbmaj7 C

1. Come to us, be - lov - ed Stran - ger, as you came that
 2. Stay with us and give us bless - ing, that our hopes a -
 3. We would nev - er fail to see you as you walk with

Bb Gm7 F C7/E F /A Bb6 Dmsus4-3

East - er day. Walk with us to our Em - ma - us,
 gain may rise. Of - fer us your bro - ken bo - dy;
 us each day. As a friend and not a stran - ger

Gm7 Am7 Bb 6 F (Dm) C7 F/C Bb C

for we need you still to - day. Come to us when we are
 o - pen our un - see - ing eyes. Come to us, God's love em -
 you would join us on our way. Help us trust that through your

See also: Beach Spring 188 262

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F /E Dm Am 7 Dm Gm7 Bb/C Gm6

bro - ken, when our dear - est hopes are lost, speak to
 bod - ied; touch our hearts with burn - ing flame. Ris - en
 mer - cy we can doubt and fear tran-scend, and to

F /E Dm 7 Gm Dm/F Gm7 Am Bb Gm7 F

us - the pro-phets' mes - sage you ful - filled up - on the cross.
 Christ, once dead, now liv - ing, come to us through joy, through pain.
 oth - ers be a bless - ing. Keep us faith - ful till life's end!

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

LES PETITES SOEURS 12 14 12 12

D A Bm7 (G/B) A7/C# G/D D

1. Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2. Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 1. Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;
 2. Jé - sus, je vou - drais te lou - er sur ma rou - te;

D G(sus2) G/F# Em /D A/C# Em/D A/C# (/B) A

I'll tell eve-ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 Jé - sus, je vou - drais que ma voix soit l'é - cho de ta joie,

/G D/F# D G(sus2) B7/D# Em (/D) A/C#

for our life and our peace and our love is your - self.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 et que chan - te la terre et que chan - te le ciel;

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D A Bm7 (G/B)A7/C# G/D D

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 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te lou - er sur ma rou - te.

3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
 to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
 For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
 but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
 And with all of the family you saved by your love,
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Invitation to Membership: Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member. If you are interested in membership at Central, or would like to know more, please reach out to Rev. Hannah Lovaglio. Everyone interested is invited to attend two inquiry sessions, April 26 and May 3 from 9:00 - 10:00am. We plan to welcome new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

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.

If you would like to dedicate Chancel flowers in memory or honour of a loved one, contact either Johanna DeBruin or Jim Watson from the Flower Committee.

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 QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, April 19, 9:45 a.m. | Ben-Hur Lesson & Film - Central Youth & FF Grades 5-8 |
| ~ Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday of Worship Service |
| ~ Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, April 22, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | H.O.O.T.C. BBQ (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, April 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Thursday, April 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Small Group Study (Guild Room) |
| ~ Sunday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Seke and Friends "Language of the Heart" |
| ~ Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. | Session Meeting (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room) |
| ~ Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. | Central Youth Group |

Blessing That Does Not End

From the moment
it first laid eyes on you,
this blessing loved you.

This blessing knew you from the start.

It cannot explain how.

It just knows
that the first time
it sat down beside you,
it entered into a conversation
that had already been going on forever.

Believe this conversation has not stopped.

Believe this love still lives —
the love that crossed
an impossible distance
to reach you,
to find you,
to take your face
into its hands
and bless you.

Believe this does not end —
that the gesture, once enacted, endures.

Believe this love goes on —
that it still
takes your face
into its hands,
that it presses
its forehead to yours
as it speaks to you
in undying words,
that it has never ceased
to gather your heart
into its heart.

Believe this blessing abides.

Believe it goes with you always.

Believe it knows you still.

— Jan Richardson from [*The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*](#)

**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/

***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.***

**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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