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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Shirley Fredlander
Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Janet Long

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 *Pastorale in C Major*

J. S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *All Things I See*

Hymn 70 vs. 2 & 4

*I see your beauty in the dawn, your goodness in the light;
I see your power in winds and storm, your wisdom in the night.*

*All things that grow, all things that live and I myself make known what praise,
what glory I must give to you, my God, alone.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Church, where do you see God?

All: **We see God in the wide reach of sky,
in the towering height of mountains,
in the depths of the sea,
and in the vividness of flowers.**

Church, where else do you see God?

**We see God in early morning sunrises,
in the quiet after a snow,
in the reaching of rivers and tributaries,
and in the stars that light the night.**

And in your seeing, what do you know?

**We know that God is here,
and we know that God is good.**

Let us worship the God of creation!

Let us worship our with-us God.

* HYMN - Morning Has Broken

Hymn 814 (see pgs. 6-7)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Just as flowers that bloom after the fire, there is nothing that God cannot redeem.

We are known. We are loved. We are made new.

So may we roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty

with the work of justice,

with the work of compassion,

with the work of mercy.

Thanks be to God for this new day!

Alleluia! Amen.

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.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

VISIO DIVINA PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 2)

Genesis 2:4b-23

SERMON: **Tending What Tends Us**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a creating God
who delights in the Earth and calls it good.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who moves through creation like a mighty rushing wind.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth
who calmed the seas and told stories of
mustard seeds, birds, and valleys.**

**We believe that humanity is undeniably intertwined with creation,
and that creation is undeniably intertwined with God.**

**Therefore, we believe our faith calls us to care for creation:
to plant flowers,
to speak tenderly to animals,
to thank the Earth for her bounty,
to clean the streams,
to protect the forests,
and to live like we are standing on holy ground,
because we are.**

Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING

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CHORAL OFFERING *All Things Bright and Beautiful* - A. B. Sherman

Refrain: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.
The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. Refrain*

*The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: He made them ev'ry one.
He gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who hath made all things well. 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; praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

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 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 324 (see pgs. 12-13)

* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE *Dwell With Us, O Lord*

J. Pachelbel

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.

Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (*vocalized*)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G Dm/F G C6 /D Em Am

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the
 one light E - den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve - ry

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef), a guitar accompaniment line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the guitar line.

System 1:

- Vocal:** A melodic line starting with a quarter note, followed by a half note, and ending with a quarter note. There are two slurs with a '2' above them, indicating doublets.
- Guitar:** Chords corresponding to the lyrics: Am, Dm/F, Em/G, C/E, Dm7, G, 7, C(sus4-2-3).
- Bass:** A bass line with quarter notes and half notes, providing harmonic support.

System 2:

- Vocal:** A melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. There are two slurs with a '2' above them, indicating doublets.
- Guitar:** Chords corresponding to the lyrics: Am, Dm/F, Em/G, C/E, Dm7, G, 7, C(sus4-2-3).
- Bass:** A bass line with quarter notes and half notes.

System 3:

- Vocal:** A melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. There is one slur with a '2' above it, indicating a doublet.
- Guitar:** Chords corresponding to the lyrics: Am, Dm/F, Em/G, C/E, Dm7, G, 7, C(sus4-2-3).
- Bass:** A bass line with quarter notes and half notes.

Lyrics:

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 morn - ing, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

All creatures of our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8 8 4 4 8 8 with hallelujahs

Descant

Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

Unison Eb (D) Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 - 3 Eb/G Ab

1. All crea-tures of our God and King lift
 2. Wild rush - ing wind, un - bound-ed, strong, high
 3. Deep flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day brings
 5. Let eve - ry - one of ten - der heart, for -
 6. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

wor - ship God: sing prais - es, hal - le -

Harmony Eb/G Fm6 Eb /D Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 3 /Ab Eb/G Absus2-1 Eb Cm Bb/D

up your voice and with us sing:
 clouds that sail in heaven a - long:
 mu - sic for your God to hear: sing prais - es, hal - le -
 forth your bless - ings on our way:
 giv - ing oth - ers, take their part:
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness:

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lu - jah! *Unison* Fa - ther, praise the Son,
 Eb6 F Bb Eb/G Eb /D Cm7 Bb7/D Eb Ab/C Bbsus4 - 3 /Ab

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam,
 New ris - ing dawn in praise re - joi - ce,
 Fierce fire, so mas - ter - ful and bright,
 lu - jah! All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
 All who long pain and sor - row bear,
 Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

Spir - it, Three-in - One: sing prais - es sing
 Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Eb/G Eb *Harmony* Ab/C Ab6 Bb/Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G

O sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam,
 kind lights of eve - ning, find a voice:
 pierce now the dark with heat and light: sing prais - es, sing
 let them God's glo - ry al - so show:
 give God your bur - dens and your care:
 and praise the Spir - it, Three-in - One:

prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
Unison
 Ab6 Bb7 Cm Bb/D Eb6 F Bb Cm7 Eb6 Fm Bb7/D C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb 7 Eb

prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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 /E# 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.

Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 dactylic

Chords: Eb aug Abmaj7 Ab6 Bb7 Eb/Ab Eb

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fath-er;
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

Chords: Ab Eb/G (B7/F)Eb F/C C7 F7 Bb

there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
 sun, moon and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

Chords: Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Abmaj7 Ab6

thou chang-est not; thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 join with all na-ture in el-o-quent wit-ness
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row:

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain Bb Ab/Eb Eb C7 Fmsus4-3

Great is thy faith - ful-ness; great is thy faith - ful-ness;

Bb7 Eb Ebm6 Bb Eb/F F7 Bb

morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Ab maj7 Ab6

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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 the inquiry session on May 3 from 9:00 - 10:00am. We plan to welcome new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

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).

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 26, 9:00 a.m. | New Member Inquiry Session (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday of Worship Service |
| ~ Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, April 29, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | H.O.O.T.C. BBQ (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, April 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Thursday, April 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Small Group Study (Guild Room) |
| ~ Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3 | Doors Open Hamilton |
| ~ Sunday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. | New Member Inquiry Session (Allan 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) |
| ~ Sunday, May 24, 10:30 p.m. | Welcome New Members ~ Pentecost Sunday |

Art & Reflection: *In Our Hands*

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper

In the beginning God filled the formless void with color, texture, light, flavor, time, and life. God scooped the clay and carefully molded it, breathing life into the nostrils of humanity. These are the images of a tender, imaginative God who loves Creation limitlessly.

Following the Creation narrative, humanity quickly spirals into violence, corruption, and power-hunger toward the total destruction of Creation. God becomes deeply aggrieved and even regrets creating humanity (Gen 6:6). God decides it best to return all of Creation to the chaotic void, though God finds hope in Noah's family. I've struggled with this narrative, but I find myself feeling a tremendous amount of compassion. I can only imagine how painful it is to watch the work of your hands devolve into brutality.

In this image, God's hands hold various animals and plant life, and are surrounded by the bands of the rainbow, shielding Creation from the swirling waters of chaotic destruction. I chose not to image humanity because the hands are at once God's and ours. We must respond to God's covenant by protecting and keeping the earth. It is our responsibility; it is our calling. God meets us where we are – utterly dependent and bound toward self-destruction – with a promise sealed with a bow bursting with the endless spectrum of colors light holds.

– Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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**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
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