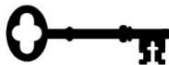




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 3, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector - Jim Evel

Greeters - Jim & Myrna Evel

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 Organ Voluntary No. VII in F Major

A. W. Leupold

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT Come, Rejoice In God

Hymn 417

*Come, rejoice in God; praise him all the earth.
Serve your God, gladly serve your God!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, gladly serve your God!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God!

All: Take refuge in the Lord,

who listens when we cry out,

who rescues us when we call,

and who leads and guides us according to God's unfailing love.

You are our God;

our lives are in your hands.

Let's worship God together!

* HYMN – Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 327 (see pgs. 6-7)

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 SPEAKS TO US

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 – I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn 678

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain II**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 108)

John 14:1-14

SERMON: **Stay Close Enough**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts

Hymn 366

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount, thou light for all to see:
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled again to thee.
2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to those who seek thee thou art good;
to those who find thee, all in all.
3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
4. For thee our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
5. O Jesus, always with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERING

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring, from Cantata No. 147 'Herz und Mund und Thut und Leben' - J. S. Bach
Sharon Lee, solo violin

*Jesu, joy of our desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

* 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 & 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 - O Lord My God

Hymn 332 (see pgs. 8-9)

* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE *Alleluia*

J. Marshall, Arr. by D. E. Wagner

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



327 Sing praise to God who reigns above

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8787887

D A7/E D/F# G /B D /C B Em D/F#

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
 2. The an - gel host, O King of kings, your praise for -
 3. What God's al - might - y power has made in mer - cy
 4. Then all my glad - some way a - long I sing a -
 5. All you that name Christ's ho - ly name, give God all

A /G D/F# Em7 Asus4-3 D A7/E D/F# G /B

all cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of
 ev - er tell - ing, in earth and sky all liv - ing
 God is keep - ing, by morn - ing glow or eve - ning
 loud your prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful
 praise and glo - ry: all who con - fess Christ's power, pro -

D /C B Em D/F# A /G D/F# Em7 Asus4-3 D Bm

love, the God of our sal - va - tion; with
 things be - neath your sha - dow dwell - ing, a -
 shade, nor slum - ber - ing nor sleep - ing. Wher -
 song my voice un - wear - ied rais - es: be
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast

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C#sus4-3 F#m Bm A/C# E A /G D/F# A7/E D /C#

heal- ing balm my soul is filled, and eve - ry faith - less
 dore the wis - dom which could span, and power which formed cre -
 e'er God rules in sov - ereign might there all is just and
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bo - dy
 eve - ry i - dol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and

Bm E7 A /G D7/F# G Em A /G D/F# Em7 Asus4-3 D

mur - mur stilled:
 a - tion's plan:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 bear your part:
 Christ a - lone:

332 O Lord my God! / How great thou art

O STORE GUD 11 10 11 10 with refrain (10 8 10 8)

Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb Em7b5 Edim

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

Bb/F F6 F7 Bb

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

F7/C Bb/DEb Em7b5 Edim Bb/F F6 F7

hear the roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou

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B♭ B♭7/D E♭ E♭dim E♭ B♭

played,
breeze,
sin,
art!

then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee,

/F F7 F F7 B♭ B♭7/D

How great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

E♭ E♭dim E♭ B♭ F7/C B♭/D E♭6 C/D Cm F7 B♭

Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art!

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).

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. 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 for the QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. **New Member Inquiry Session** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, May 3, noon – 4:00 p.m. **Doors Open Hamilton**
- ~ Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday of Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Seke and Friends “Language of the Heart”**
- ~ Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. **Session Meeting** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, May 6, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **H.O.O.T.C. BBQ** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, May 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, May 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Small Group Study** (Guild Room)
- ~ Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. **Central Youth Group**
- ~ Tuesday, May 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **Kate Bowler Joyful Anyways Book Discussion** (Allan Room)

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



The earth is the
Lord's and all that is
in it, the world, and
those who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Sermon Notes:



**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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