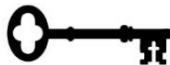




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 10, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Gustav Swanepoel

Greeters – Ramona Starkey, Gregoire Swanepoel, Risa and Kene Umezie,

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 *Larghetto in G Major*

B. Galuppi, Ed. by M. Machella

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Hymn 386 v. 1

*Come down, O Love divine, seek now this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: **Risen Lord,**
give us your Advocate,
the Spirit of truth,
to abide in us as we abide in you.

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned;
I am coming to you."

Risen Lord,
we will watch for your coming.
Because you live,
we will live in you.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN – Come, Children, Join To Sing

Hymn 377 (see pg. 5)

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 – Teach Me, God, To Wonder

Hymn 704 (see pg. 6)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 115 in the Red Book of Psalms

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 109)

John 14:15-21

SERMON: **I in You and You in Me**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – Will You Come and Follow Me

(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 OFFERING *I Beheld Her, Beautiful As A Dove*

H. Willan

*I beheld her, beautiful as a dove, rising above the waterbrooks;
And her raiment was filled with perfume beyond all price.*

*Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley.
Who is this that cometh up from the desert like a wreath of sweet smoke arising from frankincense
and myrrh?*

Even as the springtime was she girded with rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

* 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 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 371

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Mother's Day Medley*

- Arr. by L. D. Farr

("The Dearest Names," "Mother, I Love You," "I Often Go Walking")

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



Come, children, join to sing

MADRID 6 6 6 6 D

Bb F/C Bb/D Eb /G Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb/F F Bb

1. Come, chil-dren, join to sing—
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men—
 3. Loud now our voice - es raise—

Bb F/C Bb/D Eb /G Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb/F F Bb

praise to our Ser-vant King,
 let prais - es fill the sky— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!
 no power can still our praise—

F Bb/D F7/C Bb F F Bb F7/A Bb F

Let all with heart and voice saved by God's gra-cious choice,
 Christ calls his peo-ple friends; lost, out-cast he de-fends
 On heav-en's bles-sed shore, God's good-ness we'll a-dore

Bb F/C Bb/D Eb /G Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb/F F Bb

now in this place re-joice—
 with love that nev-er ends— hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er-more—

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Teach me, God, to wonder

TEACH ME, GOD, TO WONDER 11 9 with refrain (11 9)

Eb Bb/D Cm Gm/Bb Ab Eb/G Fm11 Bb
 1. Teach me, God, to won - der; teach me, God, to see;
 2. Let me, God, be o - pen; let me lov - ing be;
 1. En - sei - gne - moi, mon Dieu, à voir tes bien - faits,
 2. Mets dans mon coeur l'a - mour né de ton Es - prit,

Cm G7B G7 Ab Fm7 Eb Bb Eb
 let your world of beau - ty cap - ture me.
 let your world of peo - ple speak to me.
 à ai - mer la beau - té de ton oeuvre.
 pour ce monde que tu as tant ai - mé.

Refrain Bb Db(sus2-1) Ab Fm7 Bbsus4-3
 Praise to you be giv - en; love for you be lived,
 Gloi - re te soit ren - due pour le don de vie;

Eb Bb/D Cm /Bb Ab Eb/G Bb 7 Eb
 life be cel - e - brat - ed; joy you give.
 nous chan - tons ton a - mour, no - tre joie.

3. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake, in your world of loving, my place take. *Refrain*
 4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see you in my neighbour when we meet. *Refrain*

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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 QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday of Worship Service
~ Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	H.O.O.T.C. BBQ (Forecourt)
~ Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.	Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, May 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Central Choir Rehearsal
~ Thursday, May 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Small Group Study (Guild Room)
~ Friday, May 22, 6:15 p.m.	Youth Movie Night
~ Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.	Pentecost & New Member Sunday
~ Sunday, May 24, 12 noon	Garden Activity for Youth & Faith Finders Gr. 5-8
~ Tuesday, May 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Kate Bowler Joyful Anyway Book Discussion (Allan Room)
~ Friday, May 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Community BBQ
~ Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (Allan Room)

The **Youth Group** will be seeing *The Mandalorian and Grogu* on Friday, May 22nd at Cineplex Ancaster in IMAX. The film starts at 7pm and runs a little more than 2 hours, plus trailers. We'll be meeting at the theatre at 6:15pm. Friends welcome :) Interested students and chaperones should reach out to Michael with interest and/or questions (T: 905-522-9098 ext. 4 E: michael@cpchamilton.ca).

Kate Bowler's Joyful Anyway Book Discussion on Tuesday, May 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: You are invited to discuss Kate Bowler's new book with Rev. Hannah and others in Central's Allan Room.

All are invited to the **Barbecue Night** on May 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. Come on out to enjoy Hotdogs, Burgers, Potluck Saladas and Desserts, and Games. Contact Michael if you have questions (T: 905-522-9098 ext. 4 E: michael@cpchamilton.ca).

It is NOT sufficient (or even meaningful) to profess love for Jesus while we hold ourselves apart from our fellow human beings. To love Jesus is to love others. All others. The lover, the friend, the neighbor, the companion. But also the alien, the stranger, the misfit, and the enemy. The ones with whom we agree, and the ones with whom we emphatically disagree. The ones we naturally like, and the ones we don't.

- Rev. Debie Thomas, Journey with Jesus

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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