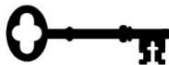




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 17, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector - Paula Grove

Greeter - Kathy Barnard & Shirley Fredlander

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 **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 *Moderato in F Major*

V. Daneling

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *All Hail King Jesus*

Hymn 268

*All hail King Jesus. All hail Emmanuel, King of Kings, Lord of lords, bright morning Star,
And throughout eternity I'll sing your praises, and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful;
let them be jubilant before God.

**All: Sing to God, sing praises
to the name of the Lord.**

Lift up a song to the Lord,
who rides upon the clouds.

**God is the parent of orphans
and the protector of those who mourn.**

Awesome is God in the sanctuary;
the Lord gives power and strength to the people.

Blessed be the Lord!

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.

2. Hallelujah! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Hallelujah! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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.*

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain II**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 118)

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON: **Just Before the Spirit Comes**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – Come Down, O Love Divine

Hymn 386 vs. 1, 2 & 4 (see pgs. 6-7)

THE OFFERING

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CHORAL OFFERING *The Ascension*

Music by P. Moore, Words by J. Beaumont

*Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high all golden way, The fairer heav'n comes home today.*

*Hark! Now the gates are ope, And hear the tune of each triumphant sphere;
Where ev'ry angel as he sings keeps time with his applauding wings.
And make heav'ns loftiest roof rebound the echos of the noble sound.*

*Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high all golden way, The fairer heav'n comes home today.*

* 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 - Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

Hymn 743, Tune of 742 (see pg. 7)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise*

D. E. Wagner, Tune: Llanfair by R. Williams

*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).

Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY 6 6 11 D

D A/C# D Asus4-3 G Em6 D 6 A/C# Bm A/C# E7sus4-3

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of
 2. Oh let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture
 4. And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will

A D G A G/B D Em/G D/F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing,
 be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing,
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing,

Bm Dmaj7/F# G D F#m E7 A C/E (D7) G D Em 6 D /F# (G) A

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the place

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 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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/G D/F# G A G/B D /F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lead on, eternal Sovereign'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Above the treble staff, a series of chords is indicated: /G, D/F#, G, A, G/B, D, /F#, G6, Em7, Asus4-3, 7, D. The lyrics are: and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing. and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing. and pride in earth - ly glo - ry scorns with loath - ing. where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

743

Lead on, eternal Sovereign

1. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day:
through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.
2. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear:
that when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.
3. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,
till sin's fierce war shall cease
and all your saints together
will sing a hymn of peace;
then all in your dominion
will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each other
for all eternity.

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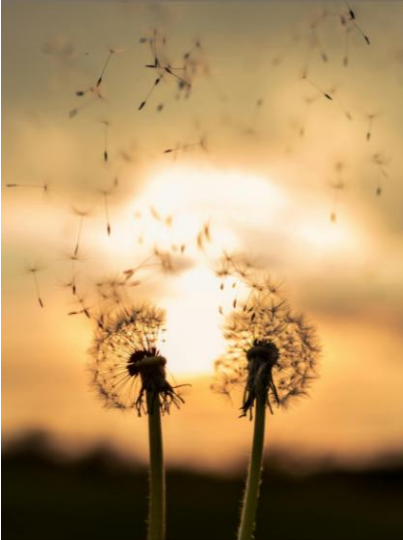
Invitation to Membership: Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member. If you are interested 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.

We commend to God the life of Mary Lou Baker. We hold her family and loved ones in our prayers. *The family of Mary Lou Baker, long time Central member, chorister and soloist, is sad to inform friends at the church, that she died on May 1, 2026 at the age of 99. A memorial service for Mary Lou will be held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 320 Charlton Ave. W. Hamilton, on Friday, June 5 at 11 a.m.*

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.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



**No duty is more
urgent than that of
returning thanks.**

St. Ambrose (theologian & statesman)

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday of Worship Service
~ Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Wednesday, May 20, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	H.O.O.T.C. BBQ (Forecourt)
~ Thursday, May 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Central Choir Rehearsal
~ 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)
~ Thursday, May 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Small Group Study (Guild Room)
~ Friday, May 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Community BBQ
~ Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (Allan Room)
~ Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.	Societus Vicorum (Guild 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).

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).

“While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise...”

– Acts 1:4

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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