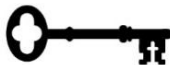




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 2, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Deborah Szabo, mezzo-soprano, and Christy Cummings, piano

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 **God's Word For The Children**, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 8 in our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Children who attend Faith Finders will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn to receive the blessing alongside the entire congregation.*

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Prelude for Organ in C Major*

C. Gounod

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

All: We look to God for nurture in every season.

Leader: God is near to all who call out in truth, and watches over all.

All: We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.
3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.
4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.
5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Mysterious and merciful God,
we praise you for abundant life,
for the beauty of creation,
and the blessings of each day.
We praise you for communities of care,
for your guidance and wisdom,
for justice in a broken world
and for healing.
Your grace satisfies us in every situation,
and so, we worship you
as the Source of life and love,
comfort and courage,
as Creator, Christ and Spirit,
One God, this day and every day, now and always.

Trusting in your grace and goodness, we confess to you our sins:

**Gracious and merciful God,
In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,
yet we neglect the suffering of others
and hold grudges.
We blame and judge each other
in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.
Free us from greed and from grievance, and
open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings
and walk in his way this day and always. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven. Forgive one another, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

*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 # 348 v.1

* HYMN – Break Now The Bread Of Life

Hymn 507

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.

2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;
your holy word is truth redeeming me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!

**Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.**

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.

**I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.**

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

**Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.**

SCRIPTURE READING (p.16)

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON: **Dream Bigger!**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Teach Me, God, To Wonder

Hymn # 704 (see pgs. 8 + 9)

THE OFFERING

We see growth in the gardens around us and remember that the seed of God's word bears fruit in each life it touches. The gifts we offer today help to sow the seeds of God's word throughout the world God loves.

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



SOLO OFFERTORY *Would I Know You* - Words and Music by W. Watson

*Would I know You now if You walked into the room,
if You stilled the crowd, if Your light dispelled the gloom?
And if I saw Your wounds, touched Your thorn pierced brow, I wonder if I'd know You now.*

*Would I know You now if You walked into this place?
Would I cause You shame, would my games be your disgrace?
Or would I worship You, fall upon my face?
I wonder if I'd know You now.*

*Or have the images I've painted so distorted who You are that
even if the world was looking, they could not see You, the real You?
Have I changed the true reflection to fulfill my own design,
making You what I want, not showing You forth divine?*

*Would I miss You now if You left and closed the door?
Would my flesh cry out, "I don't need You anymore!"
Or would I follow You, could I be restored?
I wonder, will I ever learn? I wonder, would I know You now?*

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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your goodness
in the changing times of our lives.
For every occasion you have surprised us with a blessing,
we give you thanks
in the pressures of this present moment,
we are grateful for the strength and courage we find,
knowing you are present.

Give us wisdom and patience
to face a future filled with many questions and challenges.
Help us trust in your goodness
even when we wrestle with what comes next.

Aware of our own needs and the great need around us,
we remember Christ's compassion
and offer our prayers for the world, seeking your guidance
so that we may do our part to share comfort, healing, and hope.

God of provision and care, we pray for those who are hungry or homeless,
and all those feeling the stress of rising prices.
We pray for those who have lost shelter and support in fires or flooding and
drought.

Give the leaders in our communities and our nation
wisdom and courage to work together
to make decisions for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable.

(Keep silence for at least 15 seconds)

God of healing, we pray for all who are sick or in pain in body, mind or spirit,
those waiting for diagnosis or treatment,
and all who face chronic health challenges.

Equip those who offer health care to manage the demands they face
and to provide care in kind and compassionate ways.

(Keep silence for at least 15 seconds)

God of the stranger, we pray for those who offer hospitality.
Keep us alert to the needs of visitors, strangers and newcomers
and open our hearts so that your goodness will touch those we meet.

(Keep silence for at least 15 seconds)

God of comfort, draw near to all who face unexpected sorrow this summer
and join with those who celebrate happy occasions, too.

Be our bread for the journey to sustain us and encourage us,
whatever the days ahead hold for us.

We pray together the words you taught us, saying:

**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 - Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

Hymn # 563 (see pg. 10)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice in His Holy Name*

Sir G. Elvey

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



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 G/B 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.

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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:

3. Fais de moi l'instrument
de ta sainte paix,
qui veut faire s'étendre ton amour.
Refrain:

4. Fais-moi te connaître,
apprendre à t'aimer,
fais-moi te servir, aimant mon
prochain.
Refrain:

Let us talents and tongues employ

Linstead 8 8 8 8 LM with refrain (5 5 5 3)

C Dm7/C F/G C G7

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

C F/C C C Dm7/C F/G C

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

G7 C/G G C Refrain C

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) eve - ry - where!

F (Dm7) G7 C F C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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).

Summer Schedule Updates:

Rev. Hannah and Michael Lovagio will be out of the office and at Camp Kintail, from July 26 following worship until August 3.

Please contact your elder, Mark Stupple or Rev. Lois Whitwell as needed during Rev. Hannah's vacation.

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, August 2, 10:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, August 4, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 4-6, 2-4 p.m.

~ Wednesday, August 5, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

~ Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Central Community Game Night

Summer STEM for Grades 5-10

Durand Market (Forecourt)

Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

Summer STEM at Central for students in grades 5-10. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 4th, 5th, and 6th, from 2-4pm. Tuesday and Wednesday, Fellowship Hall. Thursday, downstairs Hub. Discover how your own senses inspire robot sensors – while building your very own robot car! Please contact Michael with any questions.

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.

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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.***

**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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