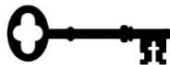




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

July 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jean Williams

Soloist – Katie Weresch

Greeters – Philpa Ashby & Jean Williams

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 *Andante for Organ*

C. E. Stephens

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day of worship, we call on God's name,

All: and hear our own invitation to work for the good of all.

Leader: Gathered with neighbors and strangers, we call on God's hope,

All: and discover that a lifetime of service seems but a few days.

Leader: In this place of praise and prayer, we call on God's love,

**All: and receive that grace which is as old as creation,
yet as fresh as each morning.**

Leader: Together, let us worship God

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

OPENING PRAYER

You shape us in your image,
not so we would puff up with pride,
but we might humbly serve others.

You have chosen us,
not because we are so special,
but that we might become hope
to a world bloated on despair.

Searcher of hearts,
we would tell of all your wonders.

You went and sold your life,
so you could buy us back
from sin and death.

You planted seeds of grace,
so that the lost, the little,
the least, the last, and even we
could make our homes in you.

Bearer of God's Heart,
we would tell all your stories.

You offer sighs from the depths
of the very heart of God,
when we cannot shape words.

With peace in your hands,
you step in to help resolve
all of our broken relationships.

Heart of reconciliation,
we would listen to your hopes.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we would tell of your presence in us,
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us,

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**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We spend so much time accusing ourselves, judging ourselves, punishing ourselves for what we have done, or not done. But God would draw us closer to the Heart of forgiveness, that we might be filled with healing and grace. Join me, as we pray together.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

What then are we to say about our lives, Searcher of our hearts? We know how often we have duped others with our deceit. We remember how often we promise one thing, only to do the opposite. We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you.

Forgive us, Heart overflowing with mercy. Your grace is more powerful than any of our sins, your hope is more durable than our silly choices, your love will traverse anything, and everything, which separates us from you. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death. The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace. The One who could punish us, prays for us.

Now we know, there is nothing, not a thing, that can separate us from God. Thanks be to the One who forgives us. Amen.

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 – Come Down, O Love Divine

Hymn # 386 (see pg. 7)

SCRIPTURE READING (p.158)

Romans 8:26-39

SERMON: **Nothing Can Separate**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – My Shepherd Is The King Of Love

Hymn # 691 (see pg. 8)

THE OFFERING

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



SOLO OFFERTORY *Lord, To Thee Each Night and Day* from 'Theodora' - G. F. Handel

*Lord, to Thee each night and day, Strong in hope we sing and pray,
Strong in hope we sing and pray, each night and day we sing and pray.*

*Though convulsive rocks the ground, And Thy thunders roll around,
Still to Thee each night and day, we sing and pray.*

* 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 AND INTERCESSION

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN – God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Hymn # 621

1. God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

* BENEDICTION

Now in this moment, God calls us to go forth.

**We will let nothing get in the way
of working for the good of all.**

Now in the place, Jesus sends us out.

**We will let nothing get in the way
of sharing hope and justice with all.**

Now as all of God's people, the Spirit scatters us.

**We will let nothing get in the way
of being that grace which is as old as creation,
as fresh as our next breath.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G Major*

E. L. Ashford

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

Liturgy © Thom M. Shuman



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 yearn - ing 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

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

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.

My shepherd is the King of love

DOMINUS REGIT ME 8 7 8 7

G D C/E (F#) G /B (/C) D7sus4 - 3 Em D7/F#

1. My shep - herd is the King of love whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with

Gsus4 - 3 A6/E A7/E G/D D G/B Am7 D G 6

good - ness fails me nev - er; for all things good from
 ran - somed soul is guid - ed, and where the ver - dant
 yet in love you sought me, and on your shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; your rod and staff my

Am/F# B Em D7 G/D D7 G

God a - bove re - store my soul for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with heaven - ly food pro - vid - ed.
 gen - tly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,
 anointing grace bestowing,
 and, oh, what rapture of delight:
 your cup is overflowing.

6. And so through all the length of days
 your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 within your house forever!

Alternate tune: St. Columba

Words: Psalm 23, paraphrase Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt
 Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

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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, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

~ Tuesday, July 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Central Community Game Night

~ Wednesday, July 29, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Durand Market (Forecourt)

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

Summer STEM for Grades 5-10

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

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.

Central Community Game Night ~ Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us this summer on Tuesdays from 5-8pm, for a weekly community game night. Bring your favorite game to play, or enjoy one of the many games provided. Open to the community at large, and game lovers of all ages. Bring friends, and make new ones!

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).

Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity

Stewardship is a human vocation.

Douglas John Hall, theologian, author, professor



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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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