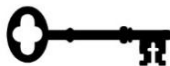




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 30, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Liturgist – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Paula Grove, soloist

Lector – Johanna De Bruin

Greeters – Dr. Hubert and Johanna De Bruin

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 in E Major

G. C. Richardson

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloveds! People of God! Followers of the way of Christ!

All: Let us tell the truths we need to hear.

Leader: Let us listen and remember the wisdom that sustains us.

All: Our hope does not come from thrones of power. .

Leader: Neither wealth nor control will secure our hearts' desires.

All: What satisfies is already among us.

Leader: Through acts of love and solidarity, the richest gifts of life are revealed.

When God is enfleshed among us, there is no greater joy, no deeper delight.

All: Thanks be God, the source of all that nourishes.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise
him,
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise
him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise
him,
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise
him,
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise
him,
praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

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 – Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymn # 742

1. Lead on, O King eternal:
the day of march has come;
hence forth in fields of battle
thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battlesong.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet Amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing
nor roll of stirring drum,
but deeds of love and mercy,
thy reign of peace shall come.

3. Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears:
thy cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

SCRIPTURE READING (p.18)

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON: **Better Get to Livin'**

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Hymn # 482

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Ziion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All with in that holy city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pour perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy faithful loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4. Here bestow on all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

THE OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY *Nocturne - Lento sostenuto Op. 27, No. 2 - F. Chopin*

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

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 – Will You Come And Follow Me

Hymn # 634 (see pg. 7)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C Major: Allegro moderato*

E. L. Ashford

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



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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).

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.

Will you come and follow me

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Unison

F

C7

Dm

Gm7

Csus4 - 3

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

F

C7

Dm

Gm7

(C11)

F

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

Gm7

Bb

Am7

Bb6

Csus4 - 3

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.

F

C7

Dm

Gm7

C11

F

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

FOUND IN HAMILTON: A NEW WORSHIP SERIES

You are invited to help us prepare for an upcoming worship series, *Found in Hamilton*. Over the next two weeks, take a photograph of somewhere you have noticed beauty, grace, hope, connection, or new life in Hamilton. Send your photograph, along with a sentence telling us what you noticed, to the church office. Selected photographs will be shared in our bulletins and through Central's communications.

No professional photography is required – only your particular way of seeing.

Where have you found God in Hamilton?

Eldership Nominations:

Session has determined the need to call additional elders at this time. Any professing member of the congregation may nominate any other(s) for eldership. The process is outlined in an email earlier this week, and in the letter available at the back of the church or from your elder. Nominations may be submitted in a sealed envelope on the offering plate, or emailed to session@cpchamilton.ca until Sunday September 6th.



Our **Blessing of the Backpacks** service will be held on Sunday, September 13th. We will be making badges to give out as a token of the blessing. If you would like to help sew badges, please join Kristel and Christine in the Guild Room after the service today where they will be sewing badges and handing out kits with materials and instructions. This is a very simple project that doesn't require any previous sewing experience and takes about 10 minutes to complete. You can sew one

today, or take a kit home to complete and return. *Please return all completed badges to the church office by 10 a.m. on Sunday September 13th.*

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, August 30, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Tuesday, September 1, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| ~ Wednesday, September 2, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Durand Market (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, September 10, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Sunday, September 13, 10:30 a.m. | Blessing of the Backpacks Service
(see above announcement) |
| ~ Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Indigenous Chamber Music Concert |
| ~ Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. | Societis Vicorum (Guild Room) |
| ~ Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. | Truth & Reconciliation Sunday / Orange Shirt Sunday |

Please note that there will be **no Faith Finders** on Labour Day weekend (Sunday, September 6). The Nursery will be staffed as usual.

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).

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*

God's gifts are not given to be
hoarded but to be distributed
for the blessing of all.

*Charles Hodge,
Presbyterian theologian*



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Sermon Notes:

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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.
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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