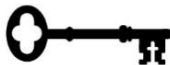




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 9, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Sue Dunlop and Emma Reilly McKay, soloists

Lector – Jeremy Sandor

Greeters – Jeremy & Christine Sandor

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 *Meditation*

W. J. Davidson

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God!

All: We will tell the world what God has done.

Leader: Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.

All: We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

Leader: Recall all that God provides.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

* HYMN – Sing Your Praise To God Eternal

Hymn # 423

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 – I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn # 678

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

SERMON: **Now time for the test**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN - Amazing Grace

Hymn # 670

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me:
His word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.
5. What thanks I owe you, and what love
a boundless, endless store
shall echo through the realms above
when time shall be no more.
6. When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than
when we'd first begun.

THE OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY DUET

The Lord Is My Shepherd Music by M. Greene, Ed. and Arr. By R. Graves

*The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I want nothing;
He shall feed me in green pastures, And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul, and bring me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I want nothing, can I nothing want.*

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

As prayers are offered, the congregation repeats the refrain:

Steadying God,

Reach out to us in the storms of life.

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 – Lift High The Cross

Hymn # 643

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Largo and Fugue*

J. Stanley

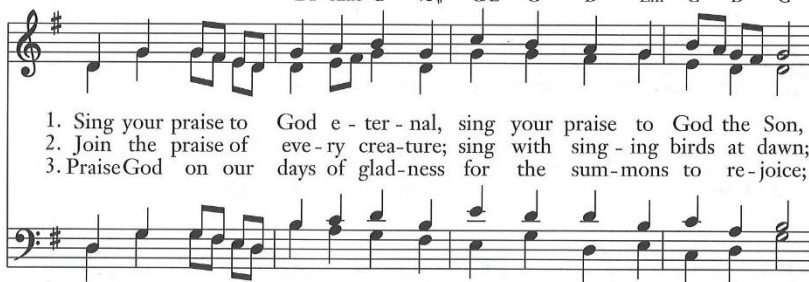
As the postlude is offered, you may stay and receive the music, or go and bless the world God loves.



Sing your praise to God eternal

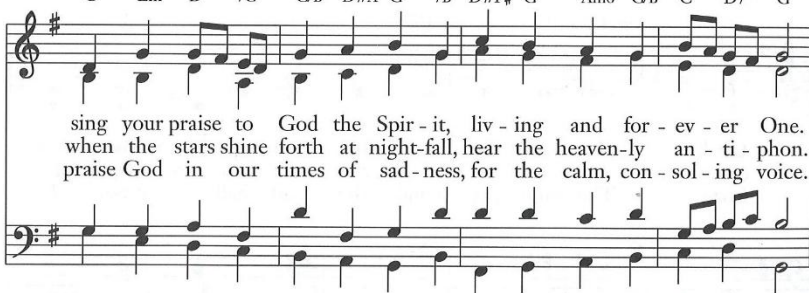
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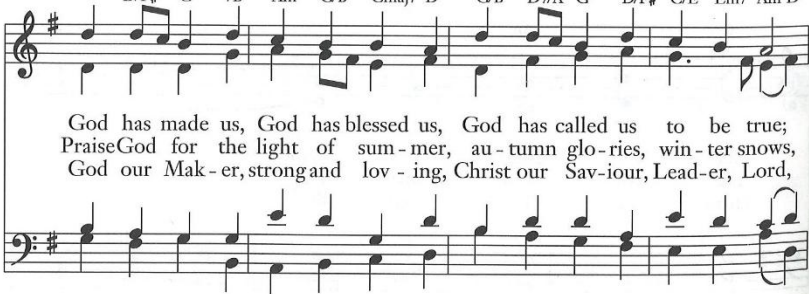
1. Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,
2. Join the praise of eve - ry crea - ture; sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;
3. Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;

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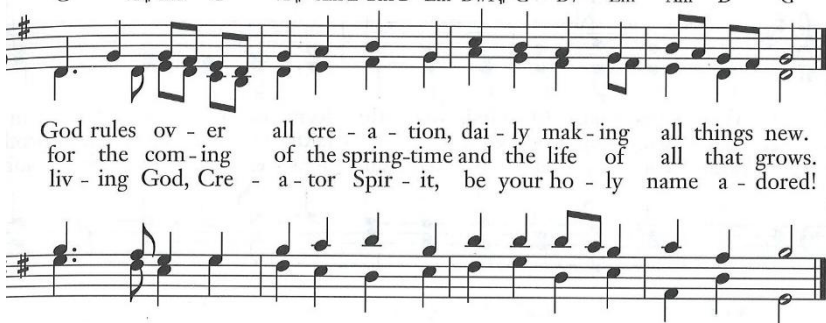
sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.
when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear the heaven - ly an - ti - phon.
praise God in our times of sad - ness, for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.

D/F# G /B Am G/B Cmaj7 D G/B D7/A G D/F# C/E Em7 Am D



God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true;
Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glo - ries, win - ter snows,
God our Mak - er, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,

G /F# Em G /F# Am/E Bm/D Em D7/F# G D7 Em Am D G



God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.
for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.
liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

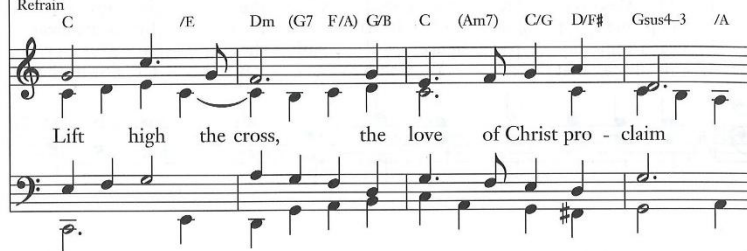
Lift high the cross

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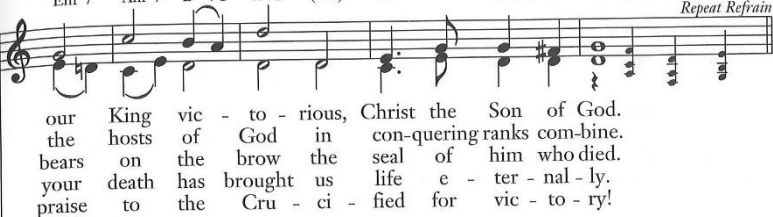
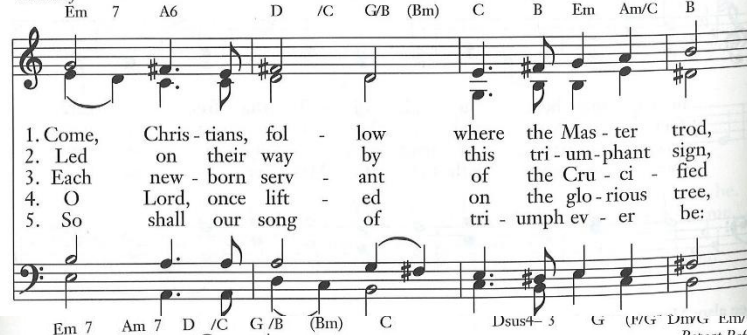
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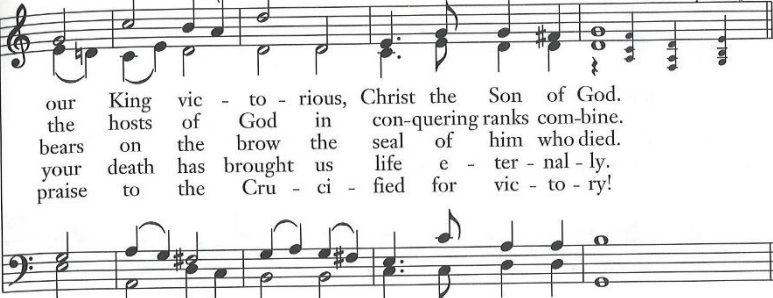
Refrain



Harmony



Repeat Refrain



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.

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 9, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service
~ Tuesday, August 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m.	Central Community Game Night
~ Wednesday, August 12, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Durand Market (Forecourt)
~ Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.	Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

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).



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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