



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 13, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Blessings of the Backpack Sunday Worship Service



Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Blessing of the Backpacks – Michael Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Kene
Liturgist – Caspian
Greeters – Kristel Forcier & Mark Stupple

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.
Today is an intergenerational worship service, designed with worshipers of all ages in mind.
Children are invited to stay throughout the service.
There will be no Faith Finders program during worship today.*

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Sabbath Reverie*

E. K. Heyser

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Cantate Domino*

G. Pitoni Arr. by J. W. Harris

*O sing ye to the Lord, O sing ye a new song, sing praises to the Holy of all Holies.
Sing and let Israel rejoice now, Sing all ye and rejoice in God who made all.
Let people of Zion, rejoice ye and praise God on high.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Disciples and doubters,
faithful and feckless,

**All: we are God's,
who welcomes us all.**

One: Followers and those who lag behind,
open-hearted and close-minded,

**All: we are the Lord's,
who is always patient with us.**

One: Reconcilers and rabble-rousers,
foolish and fearless,

**All: we are the Spirit's,
who encourages us in every moment.**

* HYMN – Morning Has Broken

Hymn # 814

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

After prayers of praise and adoration are offered, we join together with bowed hearts and unified voices to confess our sin to God. We pray together, saying:

**It is never easy for us to confess
but deep down inside, we know that
graced,
we have trouble
being grace-full to others;
forgiven,
we are eager to judge
and punish all who hurt us;
freed,
we find ways to put restrictions
on people we fear.**

**Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve;
you pardon us more times than we can count.
And why? Because we are the Lord's - siblings of Jesus Christ,
who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The Blessing Song

*The blessings of the Lord be upon you
I will bless you in the name of the Lord*

*The blessing of the Lord be upon you
I will bless you in the name of the Lord*

* HYMN – O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn # 569

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the struggle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. Oh let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within,
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
oh speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
oh speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be,
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
oh give me grace to follow
my Saviour and my friend.

SCRIPTURE READING (p.163)

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON: **Hope Found in Hamilton**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Hymn # 663

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Ye Who Bear Christ's Holy Name - G. Sampson*

*O ye who bear Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory:
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
The Love, the Wisdom, still adore For ever and for ever more.*

*Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth, Behold thy children round thee!
From east and west, from south and north,
Thy scattered sons have found thee;
And in thy bosom Christ adore For ever and for ever more.*

*O Father, O co-equal Son, O co-eternal Spirit,
In persons Three, in substance One, And One in power and merit;
In thee baptized, we thee adore For ever and for ever more.*

* 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

This refrain repeats through out the prayer:

One: Loving God,
All: hold us and our prayers.

**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 – Guide Me, O Though Great Redeemer

Hymn # 651

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*

H. S. Livingston, Jr.

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



The **Discipleship Committee** invites all to an **Ice Cream Social**
immediately following worship in celebration of the new school year.

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Morning

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Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (vocalized)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G Dm/F G C6 /D Em Am

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the
 one light E-den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve-ry

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Am Dm/F Em/G C/E Dm7 G 7 C(sus4-2 - 3)

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 morn - ing, sprung in com-plete - ness where his feet pass.
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

God, whose giving knows no ending

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F /E Bb/D F/C Gm/Bb Gm C /Bb F/A Bb F Gm7 - 6 F

1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3. Treas-ure too you have en-trust-ed, gain through powers your Grace con-ferred.

C/E Am Dm6 F Gsus4-3 C /E F C/G Am F6 G 7 C

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cos-tly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 Ours to use for home and kind-red, and to spread the gos-pel word.

F/A 7 Bbsus2-1 Gm Csus4-3 Am 7 Dmsus2-1 Bb Csus4-3

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, offer-ing up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bour, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

C9/Bb F/A 7 Bb F 7 Gm Dm Bb6 Gm F/A Bb6 C7 F

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, grac-ious don-or of our days.
 born with ta-lents, make us ser-vants fit to ans-wer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Alternate tunes: Austria Beach Spring

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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.

The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the Glory of God and to express our joy and gratitude in celebration of Rev. Hannah Lovaglio's first anniversary with us.

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

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.

Knit & Knatter Invitation: We welcome all who are interested in joining Central's knitting group. Needles and yarn are provided. We will meet again every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon starting this Tuesday, September 15th, to knit and/or chat. For more information contact Jean Williams.

Tutoring: Starting Tuesday, September 22nd alongside Games Night, tutoring will be available from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Allan Room. For all those participating in the Games Night and tutoring on September 22nd, a Spaghetti Dinner will be provided. All are welcome. Please reach out to Beth Carey or Michael Lovaglio if you would like more information.

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).

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, September 13, 10:30 a.m. **Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Tuesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. – noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, September 15, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Community Game Night**
- ~ Wednesday, September 16, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, September 17, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. **Music@Central ~ Indigenous Chamber Music Concert**
- ~ Tuesday, September 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Community Game Night**
 - 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Spaghetti Dinner** (Fellowship Hall)
 - 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Tutoring** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, September 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Recreation Night** (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. **Truth & Reconciliation Sunday / Orange Shirt Sunday**
- ~ Sunday, September 27, 2:00 p.m. **Music@Central ~ Music of James Bond**
- ~ Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m. **World Communion Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, October 4, after worship **Congregational Meeting Election of Elders**
- ~ Monday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. **Central Book Club** (Allan Room)

**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/

**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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