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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 27, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Found in Hamilton ~ Truth & Reconciliation Sunday

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Liturgist - Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector - Paula Grove

Greeters - Jim & Una Gillespie

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 the God's Word For The Children, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 9 in the downstairs HUB area. 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 'Sunrise' from 'Scenes From Diné'tah' (2020)

Connor Chee

(Connor is a Diné (Navajo) pianist and composer from Page, Arizona)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement that calls all who share this place to care for the lands, air, and waters of the Great Lakes region together - taking only what is needed and leaving enough for those who come after us. We also acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase of 1792 between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, we give thanks for the gifts of this land: for the earth beneath our feet, shaped by ancient escarpment rock and fertile soil; for the waters of the lake, creeks, and waterfalls that nourish life; for the air that fills our lungs and carries the songs of birds overhead; for the bees, butterflies, deer, coyotes, squirrels, skunks, and countless creatures who remind us that creation is alive and a community to which we all belong.

We recognize that these lands hold stories, wisdom, and relationships that stretch back through countless generations. As followers of Christ, we are called to action - to learn the history of this place, to listen with humility, to seek right relationship, this week recognizing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, and every day.

We are all treaty people, bound together. May our gratitude lead to action. May we walk together with love and respect upon this sacred ground.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *We Must Learn to Walk Together*

Words and Music by Lisa Waites

Lisa Waites is a Métis Canadian composer, singer-songwriter, liturgist, worship leader and theologian. The song was written in 2016 for Reconciliation Week activities at Medicine Hat College. She is based in Alberta and has worked extensively in Christian worship music.

*Refrain: As the seasons keep on turning, we are held in Creator's hands.
We must learn to walk together, to reconcile this land.*

*When our respect grows, day by day, when we learn, and sing, and pray -
When courage rises in one and all, then justice comes, and truth stands tall! Refrain*

*When we have honoured elder's years; when their stories soothe our fears -
When laughter rises, we dance and drum, then healing comes, our hearts are one! Refrain*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD OF TRUTH AND REPENTENCE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship because we love God.

All: All creation praises God's goodness and love.

One: We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

All: Through God, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

One: We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

All: By the Spirit of God, may we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

One: Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Hymn # 399 (see pgs. 8-10)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Steadfast God,
Creator of this land and all that lives upon it,
you have been at work long before us
and will remain at work long after us.

In Jesus Christ,
you show us a love that draws near to those who hurt,
seeks those pushed aside,
speaks truth,
and calls us into right relationship.

By your Spirit,
you unsettle what has become comfortable,
heal what has been wounded,
and lead your people toward justice and peace.

For your goodness, your patience,
and your love that never ceases calling us toward life,
we praise you.

And standing before that love,
we tell the truth about ourselves.

**All-embracing God,
we confess the ways we have failed
to love our neighbours as ourselves.**

We have failed to listen to those in pain.
We have ignored the needs and wisdom of others.
We have failed to stand alongside our neighbours
in their struggle for dignity, justice, and respect.

We confess the sins of the church
in operating residential schools,
separating Indigenous children from their families,
and participating in the suppression
of languages, cultures, traditions, and spiritual practices.

We confess the temptation
to treat this history as finished
when its wounds and consequences remain.

**Forgive us, O God.
Give us courage to hear the truth,
humility to learn,
and wisdom to walk a new way
with you and with one another.**

Silence is kept.

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 – Open Our Eyes, Lord

Hymn # 445 (see pg. 11)

SCRIPTURE READING (p.162)

Romans 13:8-10

SCRIPTURE READING (p.40)

Matthew 5:1-11

SERMON: Found in Hamilton: What Do We Owe One Another?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OUR COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

In response to God's Word, we remember that repentance is more than sorrow for what has been. Repentance turns us toward another way.

In its 2024 Apology for Residential Schools and Colonization, The Presbyterian Church in Canada made five commitments toward reconciliation and right relationship. As part of this church, we receive these commitments and recommit ourselves to the work they require of us.

We will continue to listen and learn from Indigenous people, leaders, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, welcoming and engaging voices from both within and beyond The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We will continue the work of reconciliation, responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action and the work of reparation that we have begun.

We will respect traditional Indigenous spiritual practices.

We will listen to and tell the truth about the past.

We will work to support Indigenous led healing and wellness initiatives and be in solidarity with Indigenous people and communities.

God of truth and reconciliation, give us courage to live these commitments, humility to keep learning, and faithfulness for the long work ahead.

* HYMN – What Does The Lord Require Of You

Hymn # 709 (see pg. 12)

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *Grant Us Thy Peace* - F. Mendelssohn

*Grant us Thy peace, almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.*

As we observe Orange Shirt Sunday, we acknowledge the deep harms perpetuated by church institutions against Indigenous children, families, and cultures. We offer Mendelssohn's 'Grant Us Thy Peace' not as a cover for this history, but as a prayer of lament - asking God to grant the true, disruptive peace that can only come through truth, repentance, and active reconciliation.

* 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 - We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky

Hymn # 717 (see pg. 13)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "*Trillium*" for Solo Piano

Beverley McKiver
(Anishinaabe from Lac Seul First Nation)

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



Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS Irregular

Unison
Refrain

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
Souf - fle, vent doux du Saint-Es - prit; ta grâ - ce

Bm E Asus4 - 3

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free.
me con - duit hors du dé - sert.

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from
Souf - fle, grand vent du Saint-Es - prit, se - coue notre

Bm G A7 D G D Fine

pla - cid - ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.
a - pa - thie, vent, vent sur la mer.

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Verses

D G A G

1. You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3. You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4. You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

D Bm Bm7

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

E Asus4 - 3 D

val - leys of sleep, and o - ver the
 law and a land, and when they were
 whole world was still, and down in the
 cap - tives dream dreams; our wom - en see

G A G D

ae - ons you called to each thing: -
 blind - ed with their i - dols and lies, then you
 ci - ty you called once a - gain, when you
 vi - sions, our men clear their eyes; with

Chorus

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers
 spoke through your proph - ets
 blew through your peo - ple
 bold new de - ci - sions

A7 D G A D.C.

and rise on your wings.
 to o - pen their eyes.
 on the rush of the wind.
 your peo - ple a - rise.

1. Tu touches la terre,
 Esprit créateur;
 tu dressas les montagnes
 en gloire et splendeur.
 À travers les âges,
 tu crias à tous vents:
 «Déployez vos ailes,
 sortez du néant.»
 Refrain:

2. Tu choisis un peuple;
 poussé par ta voix,
 il quitta l'esclavage
 vers une terre et une loi.
 Et quand il fut trompé
 par des illusions,
 tu donnas aux prophètes
 tes saintes visions.
 Refrain:

3. Tu chantas dans l'étable,
 tu gémiss sur la croix;
 tu rompis le silence,
 par un souffle de joie.
 Et puis, dans les villes,
 tu nous envoyas
 le vent d'une tempête
 qui nous ranima.
 Refrain:

4. Esprit, tu écrases
 l'ancien désespoir;
 tu dévoiles à l'esclave
 le chemin de l'espoir.
 Les femmes et les hommes
 reçoivent ta vision,
 ton peuple se lève,
 avec décision.
 Refrain:

Open our eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES Irregular

Unison

D A/G G A7sus A7

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see
2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A/C# Bm Bm/A Gamj7

Je - sus, to reach out and touch
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

1. Em A7sus A7 G/D D

him, and say that we love him.
Lord,

2. A7sus A7 Em/D D

we want to see Je - sus.

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What does the Lord require of you

MOON Irregular

1. What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2. Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3. To seek jus - tice, and love kind-ness,

Chord markings: Bb, F/A, Gm, Dm/F

* Verses enter successively; repeat each verse with subsequent verses.

Repeat ad lib Last time

What does the Lord re - quire of you? you?

walk hum-bly with your God. God.

and walk hum-bly with your God. God.

Chord markings: Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, F, Bb, Bb

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We cannot own the sunlit sky

ENDLESS SONG 8 7 8 7 D

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in F major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system has three vocal parts with lyrics. The second system has four vocal parts with lyrics. The third system has four vocal parts with lyrics. The fourth system has four vocal parts with lyrics. The fifth system has four vocal parts with lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are provided above the staves: F, Bb, F, F/C, C, F/C, (A), C, F, Bb6, Bb, F/A, F, /C, C7, /F, F, C, (6), F, C, F, C, F. The lyrics are: 1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers; 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night, and, wea-ry, wait for; 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-grow-ing, for we are part of all that is with-morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but tears, anda-ting a fu-ture free from want or fear, and life's in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-war horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, thatty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bour, thatthat from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-our, that

all may have a-bun-dant life in eve-ry earth-ly na-tion.
 all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bour.
 all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

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.

We commend to God the life of Dean Olson, a former member and long-time choir member, who died on September 13, 2026. We hold her family and loved ones in our prayers.



*The flowers are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God.
This week the Orange Flowers signify our commitment to working
towards reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of this land.*

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

Invitation to Societus Vicorum: CPC's discussion group: Societus Vicorum, meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. On October 21st, Societus Vicorum will meet to discuss John Ganz's When the Clock Broke: Con Men, Conspiracists, and How America Cracked Up in the early 1990s. For more information, please contact Michael Lovaglio at michael@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 4.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. | Found in Hamilton ~ Truth & Reconciliation Sunday |
| | Orange Shirt Sunday |
| ~ Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Music of James Bond |
| ~ Tuesday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. – noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, September 29, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| → 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Tutoring (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, September 30, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Durand Market (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, October 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Recreation Night (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Thursday, October 1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m. | World Communion Sunday Worship Service |
| | & Intergenerational Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, October 4, after worship | Congregational Meeting Election of Elders |
| ~ Monday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room) |
| ~ Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Accord Baroque Ensemble |

Tutoring alongside Games Night, tutoring will be available from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Allan Room. Please reach out to Beth Carey or Michael Lovaglio if you would like more information.

Knit & Knatter Invitation:

We welcome all who are interested in joining Central's knitting group. Needles and yarn are provided. Knit & Knatter meets every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon to knit and/or chat. For more information contact Jean Williams.



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/

**Central Presbyterian Church -
Land Acknowledgement** *

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* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement
<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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).

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday recognizes the need for truth, healing and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. This recognition comes with the difficult reality that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been complicit in colonial harm and racism, especially through its participation in the residential school system, which separated generations of Indigenous children from their homes and The intergenerational trauma the schools created continues to cause significant harm to Indigenous people today.

Causing such harm is irreconcilable with Jesus' call to love our neighbour; we work for reconciliation because the church is called to do so as disciples of Christ. To continue this work of reconciliation, the PCC made five fundamental commitments in its 2024 Apology for colonization and residential schools. These include listening to Indigenous people and telling the truth about the past, respecting Indigenous spiritual practices, seeking guidance from, and being in solidarity with, Indigenous people and living out the principles articulated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. TO read the church's Apology follow the QR code below.



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