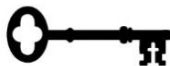




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 6, 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 – Pam Carpenter

Greeters – Lee & Pam Carpenter

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.*

***There is no Faith Finders programming today;
we are excited to worship with children and youth today!***

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Andante cantabile*

S. Bath

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from different places, carrying different stories,
and God gathers us here.

All: We come to worship together.

One: We come with our joys and our burdens,
our questions and our hopes.

All: We come to make room for one another.

One: Where two or three are gathered in Christ's name,
Christ is here among us.

**All: In this place, in this community, in the space between us,
God is present.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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

1. Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth,
and from it I will not depart;
that I may steadfastly obey,
give me an understanding heart.

2. In your commandments make me
walk,
for in your law my joy shall be;
give me a heart that loves your will,
from discontent and envy free.

3. Your word sheds light upon my path;
a shining light, it guides my feet;
your righteous judgements to observe,
my solemn vow I now repeat.

4. Your wondrous testimonies, Lord,
my soul will keep and greatly praise;
your word, by faithful lips proclaimed,
to simplest minds the truth conveys.

5. I thirst for your commandments, Lord,
and for your mercy press my claim;
oh look on me and show the grace
displayed to all who love your name.

SERMON: **Between Us**

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Hymn # 481 (see pg. 6)

THE OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts* - Stephen Schwarz

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

*All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.*

*We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!*

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 – In Loving Partnership

Hymn # 759 (see pg. 7)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Glory To Thee*

E. L. Ashford

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



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.

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?

Blest be the tie that binds

DENNIS 6 6 8 6 SM

F C 7 F F7 Bb F C

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore our Mak - er's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
 1. Bé - ni soit le li - en qui nous u - nit en Christ,
 2. Au ciel, vers no - tre Dieu, a - vec joie et fer - veur,

C 7 F C 7 F Bb F Bb F/C C7 F

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 le saint a - mour, l'a-mour di - vin que verse en nous l'Es - prit!
 s'é - lè - vent nos chants et nos vœux, par-fum doux au Sei-gneur.

4. When we asunder part,
 it gives us keenest pain,
 but we shall still be joined in heart,
 and hope to meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives
 our courage on the way:
 in perfect friendship we shall live
 in God's eternal day.

3. Nous mettons en commun
 nos fardeaux, nos labeurs;
 en Jésus nous ne sommes qu'un
 dans la joie et les pleurs!

4. Si nous devons bientôt
 quitter ces lieux bénis,
 nous nous retrouverons là-haut,
 pour toujours réunis.

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In loving partnership

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D A7/C# D G Em6/G D
 1. In lov - ing part - ner - ship we come,
 2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
 3. Lov - ing com - mu - ni - ty we seek;
 4. In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God,

D/F# G G6 D/F# Em7 A7/E D
 seek - ing, O God, your will to do.
 serv - ing by grace each oth - er's need.
 your hope and strength with - in us move.
 help us your fu - ture to pro - claim.

G F#sus4 - 3 Bm Asus4 - 3 D (maj7)
 Our prayers and ac - tions now re - ceive;
 We dare to risk and sac - ri - fice
 The poor and rich, the strong and weak
 Jus - tice and peace be our de - sire,

G/B A G D/F# A7/E D A 7 D
 we free - ly of - fer them to you.
 with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed.
 are brought to - geth - er in your love.
 we hum - bly pray in Je - sus' name.

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Our Blessing of the Backpacks service will be held on Sunday, September 13th.

We are making badges to give out as a token of the blessing. Please bring in all of the completed badges to the church office by 10 a.m. on Sunday September 13th.



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 today, Sunday September 6th.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Tuesday, September 8, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| ~ Wednesday, September 9, 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. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room) |
| ~ Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. | Truth & Reconciliation Sunday / Orange Shirt Sunday |

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*



**Every time I take
a step in the direction
of generosity, I know I
am moving from fear
to love.**

*Henri Nouwen,
priest, professor, writer & 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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