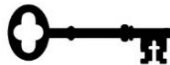




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 25, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Sue Dunlop

Greeters – Sharon Lee & Elsje Zwart

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 **The Right Hand of Fellowship**, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 8 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 *Reflection for Organ*

K. J. Beaumont (1957-)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Confitemini Domino* (Come And Fill Our Hearts)

J. Berthier

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.

Confitemini Domino, alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's love reaches us before we know how to respond.

All: We come to give thanks, to listen, and to grow.

One: Like trees planted beside streams of water,

All: we draw our life from the goodness of God.

One: Christ calls us to love God with heart, soul, and mind,

All: and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

One: Come, let us worship God.

All: Root us in your love, and let our lives bear fruit.

* HYMN – Let Us Build a House (all are welcome)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: *all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *(Refrain)*

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *(Refrain)*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

* HYMN – Will You Come And Follow Me

Hymn # 634 (see pg. 9)

ORDINATION AND ADMISSION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,

but the same Lord

There are varieties of activities,

but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

I Cor. 12: 4-7, 27, adapted

Though we have different gifts,

together we are called to be the church

with a ministry in the world

which is led by the risen Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

NARRATION OF STEPS

PREAMBLE

THE VOWS

Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people?

I do.

Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?

I do.

In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up his Church and to strengthen its mission in the world?

I do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?

We do.

Do you receive (names), as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?

We do.

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises. Amen.

ORDINATION PRAYER

The moderator leads in prayer, concluding "We join together in offering this prayer for you..."

God of Grace,

Who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ;

who called us to be a priesthood of all believers;

who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation;

we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

DECLARATION

THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

* HYMN – Lord, Speak To Me

Hymn # 767

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 1 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain II**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 25)

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON: **Rooted in Love**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *Sing We Merrily Unto God Our Strength* - S. Campbell

*Sing we, sing we merrily unto God our strength;
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
Ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob. Alleluya, Alleluya.*

* 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 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn # 371

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

* BENEDICTION & BLESSING OF THE UMEZIE FAMILY

POSTLUDE *Präludium und Fuge in C, BWV 553*

J. S. Bach

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.

The flowers are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God

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



Congregational Givings

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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
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



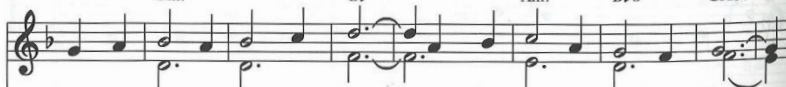
Gm7

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.



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.



Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sundays October 25 – November 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Seriously, Not Literally (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, October 25, noon – 1:15 p.m. | Faith Finder Project (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Accord Baroque Ensemble |
| ~ Sunday, October 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class (Allan Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. – noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, October 27, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| → 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Tutoring (Allan Room) |
| → 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Fall Youth Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, October 28, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Last Durand Market for this Season (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, October 29, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Central Recreation Night (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Thursday, October 29, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Sunday, November 15, 3:00pm | Music@Central: To The Moon: Songs of Celestial Love |
| ~ Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room) |

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion: 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.

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.

Full 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.

Full Land Acknowledgement Guide: <https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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