

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
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 8, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Dr. Geoffrey Tiller, Trumpet Soloist
Lector – Gwynneth Simpson
Greeters – Jim & Valery Dunlop

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

Welcome, Families!
Following the Time of Remembrance, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK – Grade 8 in the downstairs HUB area. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn. Children's bulletins and colouring sheets are available on the table in the Narthex entryway. We offer a staffed nursery throughout the service for our young ones up to age 4.

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Bist du bei mir* (If Thou Be Near) J. S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Be Still, My Soul* Hymn 749

1. *Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;*
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

4. *Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on*
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills –
All: from whence will my help come?
One: My help comes from the Lord,
All: Who made heaven and earth.
One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – Praise To The Lord, The Almighty Hymn # 321 (see pgs. 9-10)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God,
Compassionate Son,
Healing Spirit,
You approach us with such kindness and tenderness,
You look kindly on us no matter our state or condition…
Your care for this world and for us is greater than we could know or imagine:
You turn weeping into laughter
You turn sorrow into joy
You turn death into life
You redeem all that is undone by violence and destruction.
And so in adoration of you
we come and we pause,
we rest from our work and responsibilities,
and we rest from our play and from our fantasies,
to enjoy you
to enjoy your beauty
and to seek your peace.

We confess that we have not done all that is possible
to promote peace and justice in your world.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
and we have let hatred for our enemies overrun us.
Our anger is greater than our compassion,
we tear down and do but build up, we take more than we give.
Forgive us and use our lives to build up your Kingdom in this world
and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next.

SUNG RESPONSE (#735 DONA NOBIS PACEM – sung twice) Give Us Peace

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

* Bidding:

We will remember them.

And all repeat:

We will remember them.

* The Last Post

* The silence

* Reveille

* Prayer of Remembrance

* **The National Anthem:** *"O Canada"* Hymn # 833

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Refrain:
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 70** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 854) Amos 5:18-24

SERMON**: Until Peace Flows**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Living Faith 8.5**

Christ, the Prince of Peace,
calls his followers to seek peace in the world.

We know that nations have fought in self-defense
and that war, at times, may be unavoidable.
But the tragic evil that comes with war,
the slaughter of men, women, and children
must rouse us to work for peace.

We protest against the world arms race
that diminishes our ability to fight
hunger, ignorance, poverty and disease.
We fear nuclear war
and the devastation it would bring.
We affirm that God is at work when people are
ashamed of the inhumanity of war
and work for peace with justice.
We pray for peace
to him who is the Prince of Peace.

* HYMN – O Day Of Peace That Dimly Shines Hymn # 732 (see pgs. 11-12)

THE OFFERING

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

CHORAL OFFERTORY *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* (From the Requiem) J. Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise Thy name evermore!
How lovely is Thy dwelling place!

The text is drawn from Psalm 84, and speaks of the beauty of God's dwelling place and the longing of the human soul for God. Its contemplative character lends itself beautifully to reflect on mortality, sacrifice, grief, and the hope of eternal rest. Brahms' setting has an extraordinary combination of solemnity, warmth, and transcendence.

* 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

Loving God, we come to you with prayers
for the men and women of the armed services
who died in war, each one
remembered by and known to God;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

for those who are bereaved, distressed, and filled with grief;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

for all members of the armed forces who
are serving in conflicts and dangerous places today;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

for the friends and family who pray and look
for their safe return;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

for the forms of laws, for politicians, and religious leaders
who have the power to make peace and stop war;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

for those who work to keep peace,
and who work for justice and fairness;

Lord in your mercy, give us peace
Hear our prayer

As we remember and honour what is past,
may we put our trust in you for the future;
for you are the rock and surety of life
and we give you our praise.
Amen.

All join together in 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 – For The Healing Of The Nations Hymn # 736 (see pg. 13)

COMMISSIONING

Let us go from this place to commit ourselves to the building up of God's reign in the world through responsible living, faithful prayer, and courageous speech.

Will you work for peace in the world and in your relationships?
We will

Will you seek healing for the world and its people?
We will

Will you work for justice?
We will

* BLESSING

God grant peace to the living,
rest to the dead,
and unity to us all.
And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer be with you all this day
and always.

POSTLUDE *La Rejouissance* G. F. Handel

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.
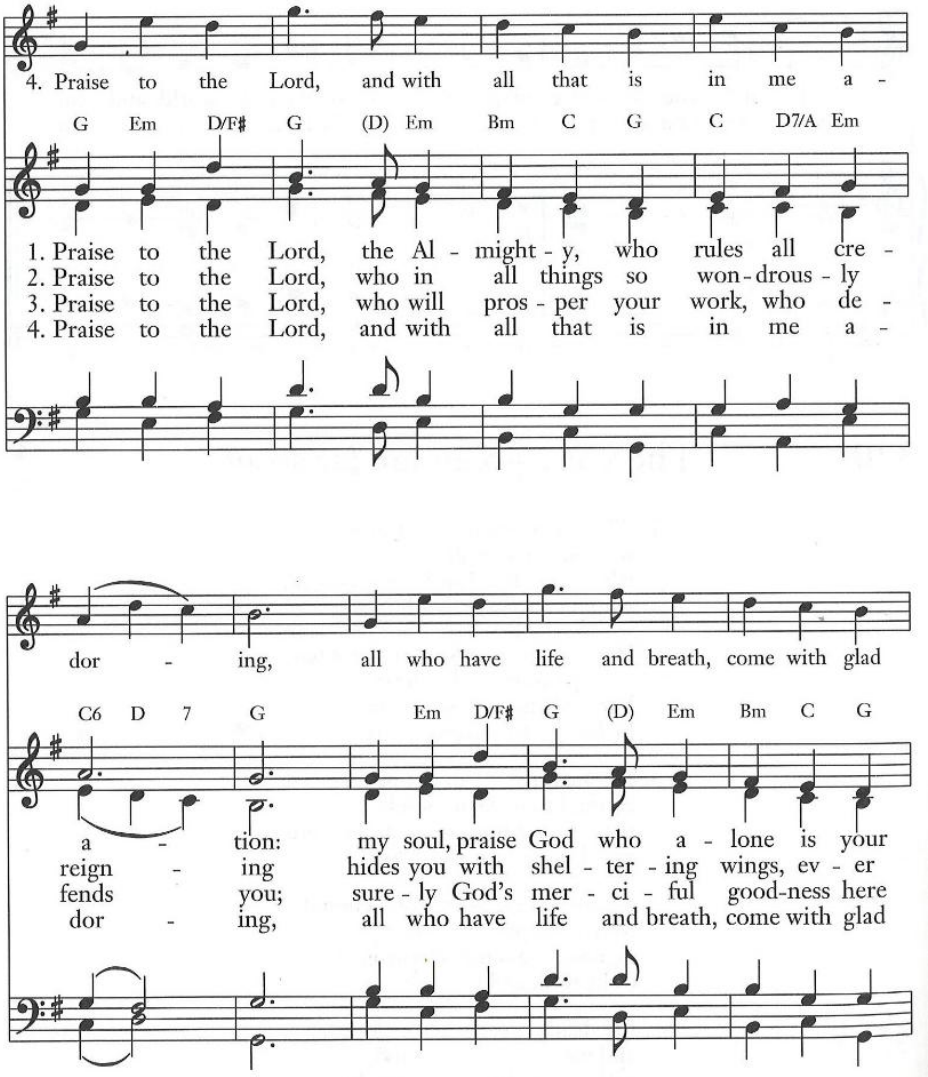


The flowers are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God

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

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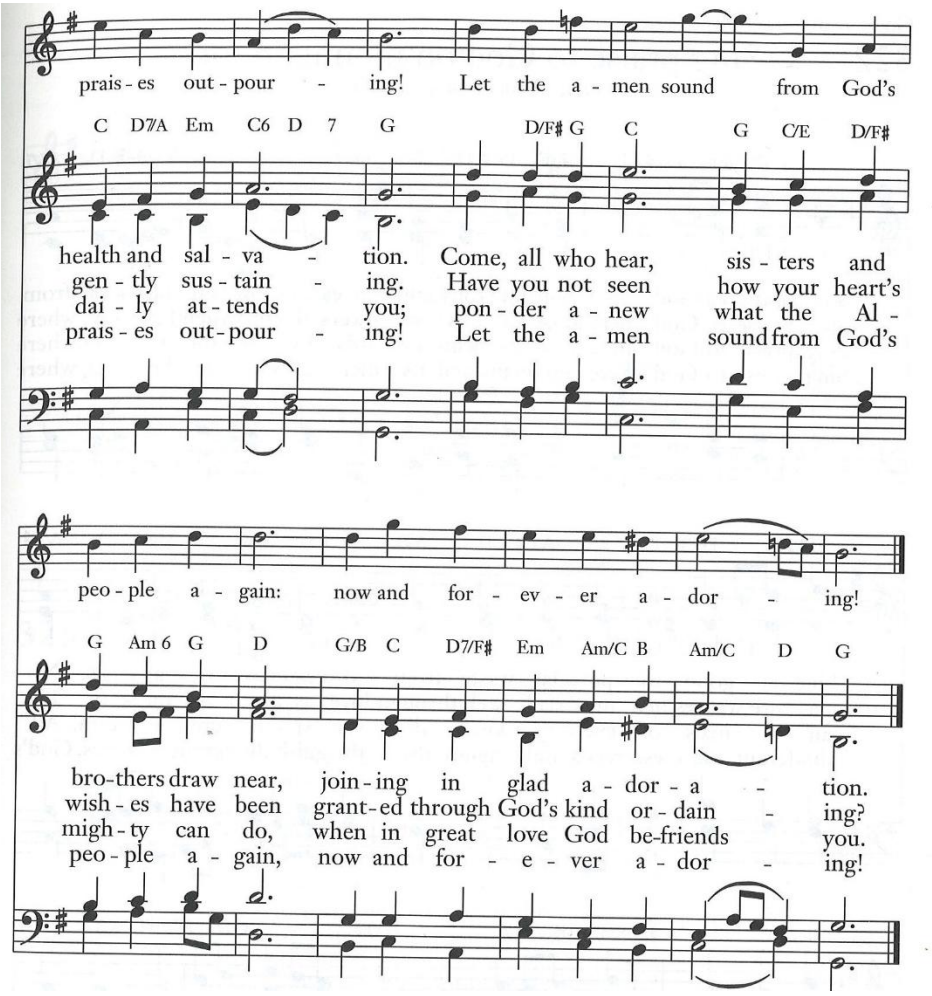
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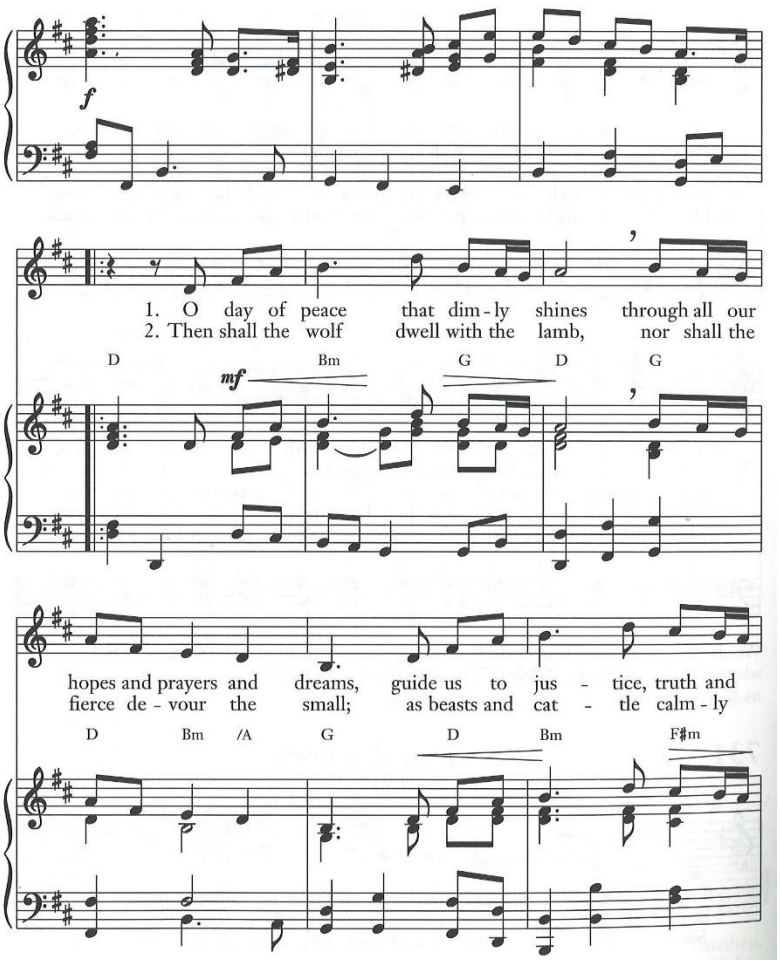


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health and sal - va - tion. Come, all who hear, sis - ters and
gen - tly sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how your heart's
dai - ly at - tends you; pon - der a - new what the Al -
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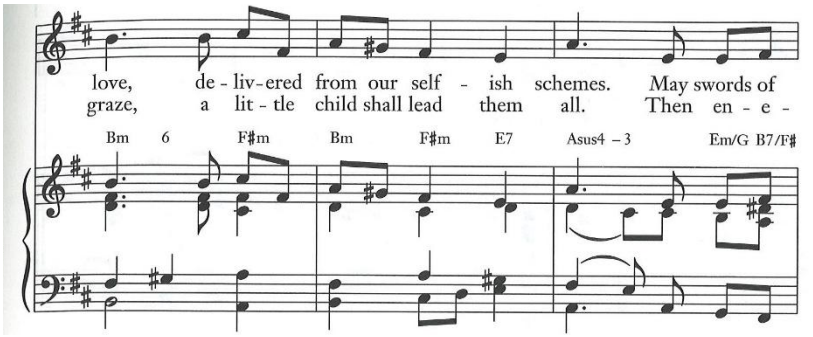
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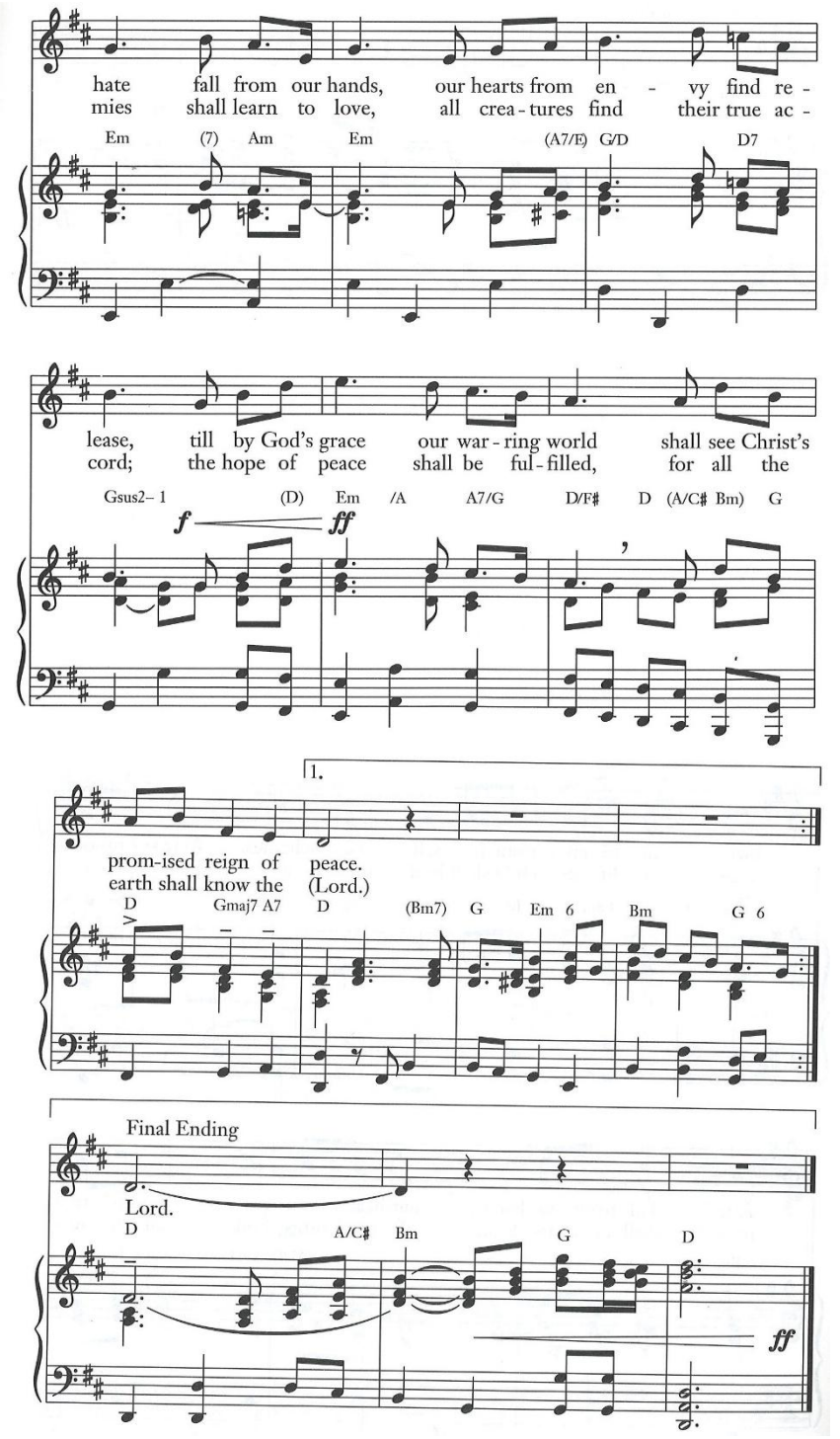
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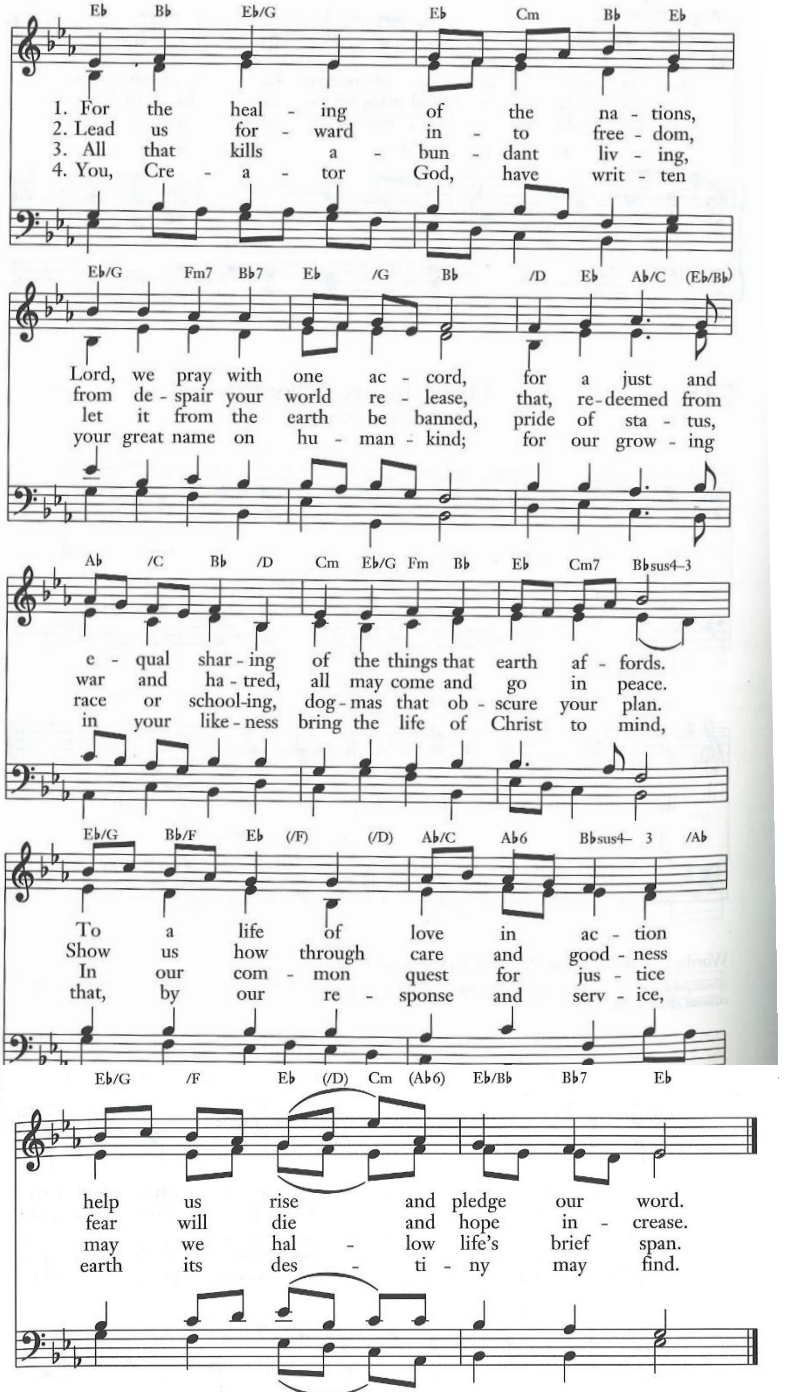



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cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the
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1.
prom-ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)
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Final Ending
Lord.
D A/C♯ Bm G D
ff

Peace

736 For the healing of the nations

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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sundays November 8 – 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Seriously, Not Literally** (Allan Room)

~ Sunday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**

~ Sunday, November 8, noon – 1:15 p.m. **Faith Finder Project** (Allan Room)

~ Sunday, November 8, 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Allan Room)

~ Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **HOOTC Café** (Fellowship Hall)

~ Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. – noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)

~ Tuesday, November 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Community Game Night** (Fellowship Hall)

→ 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Tutoring** (Allan Room)

→ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Fall Youth Book Club** (Allan Room)

~ Thursday, November 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Meals to Go** (Forecourt)

~ Thursday, November 12, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Central Recreation Night** (Fellowship Hall)

~ Thursday, November 12, 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)

~ Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m. **Central Book Club** (Allan Room)

~ Sunday, December 6 after worship **Christmas Cookie Walk** (Guild Room)

~ Saturday, December 12, noon – 3:00 p.m. **Durand Christmas Market** (Fellowship Hall)

The **Durand Christmas Market** is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 from noon – 3:00 p.m. Please bring any jewelry you would like to donate for the Central table (there is a tote by the Fellowship Hall table near the stage). Also, if you are able to donate baked goods for the Tea Room, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

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/

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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