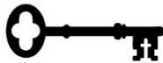




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Guest Organist – Emile Swanepoel

Lector – Seke Fowode

Greeters – Alex Prince & Cathy Keith

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prayer for Peace*

Paul Fey

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song*

412 vs. 1-2

*Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.*

*O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come together, people of God,
out of the gloom and shadow of a troubled world.

Congregation: We come with joy to the great light that God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Come away, people of God, from all that would mar your days.
**We come in the spirit of repentance to confront and overcome
all that divides us.**

Come to worship, people of God, leaving behind
all else that compels your attention.
**We come to refocus our priorities and to become alert
to God's actions among us. Amen.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

*Please share a word or sign of the Peace of Christ with those around you as you are comfortable. In doing so, please be mindful of the preference of others in how you offer or receive this sign (smile, handshake, fist bump, nod or elbow tap). **May the peace of Christ be with you!***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN - Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

637 vs. 1-3 & 5-6 (tune 680)

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the garden this Sunday. Parents can meet the children there following worship. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 72)

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON: **“To Will One Thing”**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Seek Ye First

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Sicut cervus*

G. da Palestrina

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As the hart longs for the water springs,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & 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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A major*

Johann Gottfried Walther

Central Presbyterian Church is here to offer sacred space for worship, a safe space for community groups to gather, and a generous space to **Hamilton Out of the Cold** serving meals to those who need them. Your presence with us today and your support of our work means so much. May God bless you richly!

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 Helena (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

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Seek ye first

SEEK YE FIRST Irregular

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his right - eous - ness,
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and ye shall find;
 3. We do not live by bread a - lone, but by eve - ry word

D F#m G D G D Asus4-3 D

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

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Status of the Search for our New Minister: The Search Committee is currently collating all the information from the recent Congregational Self-Analysis forms, and collecting relevant community data for the creation of Central's Congregational Profile. That document will then be distributed to potential candidates. Please pray for the committee members as they continue to engage in this holy task on behalf of the congregation. During the Search process, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Philip - our Interim Moderator - either in-person at coffee-time following the Sunday services; by phone @ 905-574-4383; or by email at revpmw@outlook.com.

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.

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is becoming an integral part of Pastoral Care. While we do not name the recipients, we encourage you to remember them in your prayers. Simply pray for those who have received our prayer shawls. But we do have one need. To date we have been cleaning out individuals' yarn "stash." But we are running low. The wool we have been using is *Lion Brand Homespun* which is a number 5 in weight. But any wool of a similar weight will work. We have other patterns that use other kinds of wool. If you would like to support this ministry through donating wool or a donation towards buying wool, please speak to Lois. You can email her at lois@cpchamilton.ca or call her at 905-522-7266 ext. 2.

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/



Come Sing With Us . . .

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry.

We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at music@cpchamilton.ca

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.-noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26 **Vacation Bible Camp at Chedoke Presbyterian Church**

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, or send a cheque to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.

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/>

Stewardship Moment

Now, our God,
we give you thanks,
and praise
your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13

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Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

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Word of the Day:

Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing
(Luke 10: 41).

Prompts for Reflection



"Why are the many things about which we are concerned connected with worry and anxiety? We give them our devotion, our strength, our passion and we must do so; otherwise, we would achieve nothing.

Why, then, do they make us restless in the deepest ground of our hearts, and why does Jesus dismiss them as not ultimately needed?

As Jesus indicates in His words about Mary, it is because they can be taken from us. They all come to an end; all our concerns are finite. In the short span of our lives many of them have already disappeared and new ones have emerged which also will disappear."

(Paul Tillich)