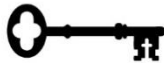




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Johanna DeBruin

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE Moderato in E-flat Major

H. Hönig

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Praise, I Will Praise*

420 vs. 1-2

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.*

*O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.*

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy.*

*Hallelujah!*

*Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.*

*O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.*

*Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy.*

*Hallelujah!*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come before God in humility, gladness and confidence,

**Congregation: for "now is the acceptable time," "now is the day of salvation!"** (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Grant us Lord the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

**to realize this promise of your presence in our lives.**

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

#### 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 - Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life

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### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 9:9-20** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

*Following Responsive Psalm, a program for children SK - Grade 8 will be available in the  
air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. 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. 260)

**I Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49**

#### SERMON: **Conventional / Unconventional**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Fight The Good Fight

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1. Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;  
lay hold on life, and it shall be  
your joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up your eyes and seek God's face;  
the way of life before you lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside; lean on your guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and your trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
4. Faint not nor fear, those arms are near,  
and, changing not, still hold you dear;  
hope and believe, and you shall find  
Christ is your all: heart, strength and mind.

### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *They That Go Down To The Sea in Ships*

H. Sumsion

*They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;  
These that see the woks of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep.*

*For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves there-of.  
They are carried up to the heav'n, and down again to the deep:  
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.*

*They reel to and fro and stager like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end.  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: He deliv'reth them out of their distress.*

*For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves there-of are still.  
Then are they glad because they are at rest:  
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.*

\* 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 - God of Grace and God of Glory

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1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of ths hour,  
for the facing of ths hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hosanna!*

F. D. Ashdown

## Through all the changing scenes of life

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1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in  
 2. Oh mag - ni - fy the, Lord with me; with  
 3. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the  
 4. Oh taste and see that God is good: ex -

E7/G# A E7/B A /C# A/E E A /C# E7 A /C# E

trou - ble and in joy, the prais - es of my  
 me ex - alt God's name; when in dis - tress and  
 dwell - ings of the just; de - liv - erance God af -  
 pe - rience will de - cide how blest are they, and

A E/G# A A/E E A/C# D 6 Bm E7 A

God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.  
 fear I called, God to my res - cue came.  
 fords to all who seek and hope - and trust.  
 on - ly they, who in God's truth con - fide.

5. O saints, fear God, and you will then  
 have nothing else to fear;  
 make holy service your delight;  
 your wants shall be God's care.

6. The Lord preserves the souls of those  
 who on God's truth depend;  
 to them and their posterity  
 God's blessing shall descend.

Words: Psalm 34; paraphrase, Tate and Brady's New Version 1696, alt Music: George Smart (1776-1867)

Words: public domain Music: public domain

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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

**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](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

### 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/](http://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](mailto:music@cpchamilton.ca)

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or [lois@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lois@cpchamilton.ca) or call her at 905-522-7266 ext. 2.

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.      **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.      **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Wednesday, June 26, 3:00–7:00 p.m. **Durand Market**
- ~ Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26 **Vacation Bible Camp at Chedoke Presbyterian Church**
- ~ Thursday, July 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.      **Music @ Central: Concert on the Steps**



## Mission and Community Volunteer Opportunity:



Central will join the Durand Market every Wednesday to raise funds for [Hamilton Food Share](#); providing our community opportunity to address the food security crisis in Hamilton. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, or can help on a more regular basis, collecting donations at the Market, please speak to Adele Pierre ([adeleld@gmail.com](mailto:adeleld@gmail.com)) or Arlene Quackenbush ([dqarlen@gmail.com](mailto:dqarlen@gmail.com)). Come and spend a pleasant summer afternoon meeting our neighbours and joining with them to alleviate hunger in our city.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.



## Stewardship Moment

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

*2 Corinthians 9:8*



## Word of the Day:

*The Lord saves not with sword and spear;  
for the battle is the Lord's (1 Samuel 17:47).*

### **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/>

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson*

*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

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