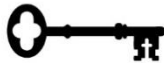




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

June 30, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist - Emma Reilly McKay

Lector - Judy Johnson

Greeters - Ingrid & Tom Scott

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

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

PRELUDE *Largo in B-flat Major*

A. Corelli

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For all God can do within us  
For all God can do without us  
Thanks be to God.

**Congregation: For all in whom Christ lived before us  
For all in whom Christ lives beside us  
Thanks be to God.**

**For all the Spirit wants to bring us  
For where the Spirit wants to send us  
Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Listen!  
Christ has promised to be with us  
in the world as in our worship.

**Congregation: Amen, let us worship God!**

PRAYERS OF APPROACH 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

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 23** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

*Following the 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. 4)

**Matthew 5:1-12**

SERMON: **“Blessed are You”**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

THE OFFERING

*Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful Shepherd's sight.  
Those who rule with wisdom guiding bring to hearts a peace abiding  
Bless a land with joy made bright.*

\* 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 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,  
traveling through life's wilderness.

2. We give thanks and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
May your presence, may your pres ence  
with us evermore be found,

3. so that when your love shall call us,  
Saviour, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
live in you in endless day.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Morning Has Broken*

Tune: Bunessan, Trad. Gaelic Melody  
Arr. by D. E. Wagner

# Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5 6 9 5 5 8

E♭ /D Cm /B♭ A♭6 B♭7 E♭sus4-3 E♭ /D Cm /B♭ A♭6 B♭ E♭ /F

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Lord of all cre - a - tion,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
 4. All fair - est beau - ty heav - en - ly and earth - ly,

E♭/G(B♭7/F E♭/G)A♭ B♭/A♭ E♭/G Fm6 E♭ A♭/C B♭7/D E♭/G B♭7 B♭sus4 - 3 /A♭

Je - sus, of God and Ma - ry the Son:  
 robed in the ver - dure and bloom of spring.  
 fair is the shim - mer - ing, star - ry sky:  
 won - drous - ly, Je - sus, is found in thee;

Gm /F C/E C7 Fmsus Fm /G Fm /E♭ B♭/D B♭7 E♭sus(4-2 - 3)

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - our,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines clear - er  
 none can be near - er, fair - er or dear - er

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E♭/D Cm E♭/G A♭6 E♭/B♭ B♭sus4 B♭7 E♭

O thou my soul's de - light and crown.  
 he makes the sad - dest heart to sing.  
 than all the heaven - ly host on high.  
 than thou, my Sav - iour, art to me.

# We are God's people

SYMPHONY 11 11 14 8 9

Unison F C /Bb F/A Bb F F C F C

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
 2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,  
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head,  
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

F C /Bb F/A Bb F C F C

born of the Spir - it, es - tab - lished by the word; our  
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now  
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he  
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; a -

Cm Gm/Bb A7 /C# Dm /C Bb

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: oh  
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: oh  
 wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: oh  
 lone, we die, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet

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 arrangement, Fred Bock (1939-)

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C /Bb Gm C F G C Bb/C/Bb Gm F/A Bb maj7 Gm F/C C F

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
 let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.  
 let us free - ly give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.  
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

## Blest are they

BLEST ARE THEY 7 7 7 5 with refrain (5 7 5 7)

Unison      Ab                  Eb/G                  Db                  Ab/C                  Ebsus4Eb

1. Blest are they, the poor in spir-it; theirs is the king-dom of God.  
 2. Blest are they, the low-ly ones; they shall in-her-it the earth.  
 3. Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs.  
 4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the chil-dren of God.  
 5. Blest are you who suf-fer hate all be-cause of me. Re-

Ab                  Ab/G                  Db                  Eb7                  Ab

Blest are they, full of sor-row, they shall be con-soled.  
 Blest are they, who hun-ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!  
 Blest are they who suf-fer in faith, the glo-ry of God is theirs.  
 joyce and be glad— yours is the king-dom—shine for all to see.

Refrain      Db                  Eb7                  Ab                  Db

Re - joice                  and be glad!                  Bless - ed are

Ab/C      Bbm      Bb7      Eb                  Db                  Eb7                  Ab

you; ho - ly are you! Re - joice                  and be glad!

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Db                  Eb7                  Absus4      Ab

Yours is the King - dom of God!

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).

For pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson from July 1 - 12 by phone at 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

The Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be on study leave from July 1 -12.

Rev. Lois Whitwell is on vacation for the month of July.

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).

### 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)

**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).

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 30, 10:30 a.m.      **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Wednesday, July 3, 3:00-7:00 p.m.      **Durand Market**
- ~ Monday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.      **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ 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 ([adeleclld@gmail.com](mailto:adeleclld@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

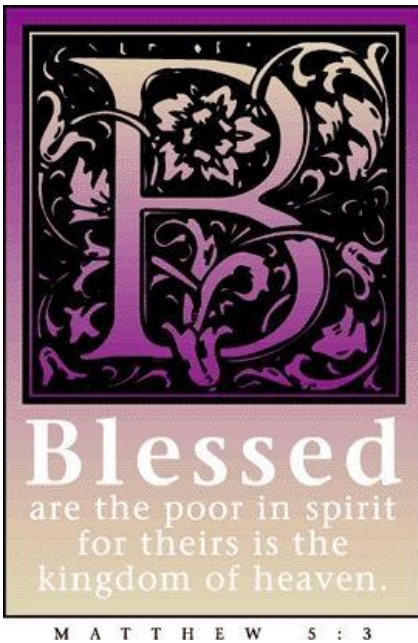
### *OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central*

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

Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change. Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.

Gregory Coulter (professor of Philosophy)



## Word of the Day:

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matt 5:1-3).*

### 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*

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*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

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