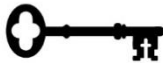




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

July 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service
Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Soloist – Julie Ludwig
Lector – Abbie Boyko

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Andante from the Third Organ Sonata*

F. Mendelssohn

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like a mother who nurtures and protects her children,
Congregation: like a father who tenderly welcomes and guides his own,
like a shepherd who tends and defends the flock,
so God loves and leads us throughout our life.
In gratitude we gather here to celebrate and to grow in God's grace,
to offer joyful worship and to seek God's strength for our journey.

* HYMN – All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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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 - Softly and Tenderly

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1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me:
patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),
ye who are weary, come home";
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, "Come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?
(Refrain)

3. Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
(Refrain)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 14 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. 78)

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON: **Sitting Easy with the Sleazy**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour dear and kind.

3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!

4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but the loved ones know.

5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
and through eternity.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *I Will Sing Of Thy Great Mercies* (from the St. Paul Oratorio, Op. 36)

F. Mendelssohn

*So they being filled with the Holy Ghost departing thence delay'd not,
and preached the Word of God with joyfulness.*

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord! My Saviour!

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord! And of thy faithfulness evermore.

* 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 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hymn To Joy/Life Eternal* L. van Beethoven, Arr. by E. Broughton/ G. Peterson

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).

Joyful, joyful we adore you

HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D

G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you;
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
 4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7

God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like
 earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels
 ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the
 mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4) 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D

flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the
 sing a - round you, cen - tre of un -
 joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 set be - fore us, as Christ's love joins

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852–1933), alt Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827);
 arrangement, Edward Hodges (1796–1867)

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

For pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis by phone at 905-522-9098 ext. 1; or by email at nick@cpchamilton.ca.

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.

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, July 14, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Wednesday, July 17, 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 (adelecltd@gmail.com) or Arlene Quackenbush (dqarlen@gmail.com). Come and spend a pleasant summer afternoon meeting our neighbours and joining with them to alleviate hunger in our city.

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



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.

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

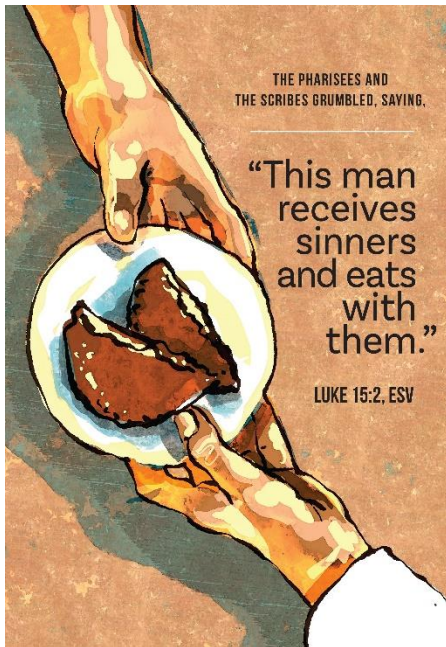
Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.

Stewardship Moment

**We should travel
light and live
simply. Our enemy
is not possessions,
but excess.**

-John Stott (b. 1921) Priest in
the Church of England





Word of the Day:

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:1-2).

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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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

Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebald

Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma

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Nursery Coordinator – Azteca Clarke

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