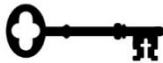




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 4, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Sue Dunlop

Lector – Johanna DeBruin

Greeters – Ingrid & Tom Scott

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

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

PRELUDE *Adagio from the First Sonata*

F. Mendelssohn

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

Congregation: **Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.**

God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

**God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.**

So then, let us worship God.

\* HYMN – Come, Thou Almighty King

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1. Come, thou almighty King;  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise.

Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word;  
gird on thy mighty sword;  
our prayer attend:  
come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter;  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour!

Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

4. To the great One in Three  
eternal praises be  
hence evermore!

His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

## 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

\* HYMN - This is the Day

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1. This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.

2. Open to us, open to us  
the gates of God,  
the gates of God;  
we will go in, we will go in  
and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.  
Open to us the gates of God;  
we will go in and praise the Lord.  
Open to us, open to us  
the gates of God.

3. You are our God, you are our God;  
we will praise your name,  
we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God; we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God;  
we will praise your name.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 81:1-10** 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. 162)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 69)

Exodus 23:10-11

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 112)

Leviticus 25:1-12

SERMON: **The Meaning of Sabbath**

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

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1. Jesus, wher e'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

2. Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near,  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
oh rend the heavens, come quickly down  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Jesu, Joy of One's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

From Cantata No. 147, Ed. and Arr. by P. M. Liebergen

*Jesu, joy of one's desiring, Holy wisdom love most bright.  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd, With the fire of life impassion'd.  
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

\* 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 – All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

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1. All the way my Saviour leads me;  
what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
here by faith in him to dwell;  
for I know, whate'er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see.

3. All the way my Saviour leads me,  
oh the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
'Jesus led me all the way!'

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy In God*

R. Blake

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 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).

Status of the search for our new minister: The Search Committee has just completed the congregational profile. Once approved by the Session, it will be forwarded on to the Church Vocations Office at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto (the PCC Head Office) for distribution to potential candidates. It will then also be available for all to see on the church website. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us to that special someone God has in mind to lead the congregation into the future. During the search process, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson (our Interim Moderator) either in-person at coffee time following Sunday services; by phone at 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

### **Central Presbyterian Church Calendar**

~ Sunday, August 4, 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service**

~ Wednesday, August 7, 3:00–7:00 p.m.

**Durand Market**

## 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)

### 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 ([adelecd@gmail.com](mailto:adelecd@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.



## 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/>

## 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

Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good.

-Living Faith 2.4.2



## **Word of the Day:**

*<sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. (Deuteronomy 5:12-14)*



*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*

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