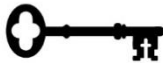




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jean Williams

Greeters – Abby Boyko & Shirley Fredlander

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *I Will Bless The Lord At All Times*

H. Schütz

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Send Me, Lord*

777 vs. 2-3

Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Once upon a time
a wise man offered a challenge;

Congregation: "What is the greatest commandment?"

The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;
bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

Love the Lord your God.

The cameras of our memories share what commands us;
children to bathe and partners to help
parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

Love the Lord your God

**with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;
open spaces to experience wonder,
strangers becoming friends,
devotion to that which transcends.

Love the Lord your God

**with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

(based on Mark 12. Katherine Hawker, 2002)

* HYMN - Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord Our Song

412 (see pg. 6)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN - O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand

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1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all thy servants led,

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
be fore thy gracious throne;
as thou hast been our faithful God,
so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

4. Oh spread the covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's own loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore,
and thou shalt be our chosen God
and portion evermore.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146 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 upstairs Faith Finders room. 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. 241)

Ruth 1:1-18

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 49)

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON: *Speechless!*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

635 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Ave Verum Motet, Op. 2 No. 1*

E. Elgar

*Ave verum corpus, natum Ex Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum Vero fluxit sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born,
On the Cross Thy sacred Body For us with nails was torn.
Cleanse us, by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced Side;
Feed us with Thy Body broken, Now, and in death's agony.
O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.*

* 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

699

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!'

* BENEDICTION

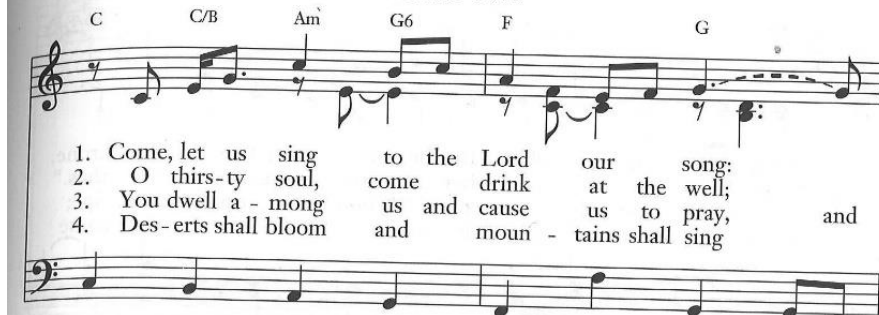
POSTLUDE *Organ Voluntary in B flat Major*

M. Greene

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song


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C C/B Am G6 F G



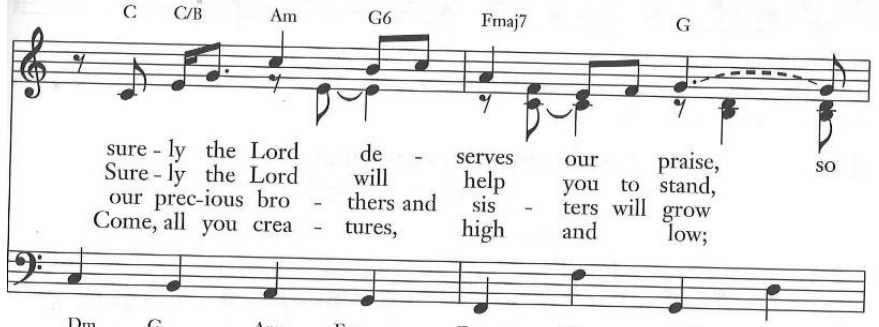
1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song;
 2. O thirs-ty soul, come drink at the well;
 3. You dwell a - mong us and cause us to pray, and
 4. Des-erts shall bloom and moun - tains shall sing

Em Am Am/G F G




we have stood si - lent - ly too long;
 God's liv - ing wa - ters will nev - er fail.
 walk with each oth - er fol - lowing your way;
 to the de - sire of all liv - ing things.

C C/B Am G6 Fmaj7 G



sure - ly the Lord de - serves our praise, so
 Sure - ly the Lord will help you to stand,
 our prec - ious bro - thers and sis - ters will grow
 Come, all you crea - tures, high and low;

Dm G Am Em F G C



joy - ful - ly thank God for our days.
 strength - ened and com - for - ted by God's hand.
 in the ful - fill - ing love they know.
 let your prais - es end - less - ly flow.

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8 7 8 7

E♭ (Fm/E♭ E♭maj7) Ab/E♭ (E♭maj7 Fm/E♭ E♭) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) E♭/G Fm7 (E♭/G) B♭



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



Ab E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ Ab/C (B♭6 Ab6 E♭/G) Fm (E♭/G Fm/Ab) Cm Ab6 B♭7 E♭



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

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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).

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, November 3 | Daylight Savings Ends - Clocks go back 1 hour |
| ~ Sunday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. | Gospel of Mark Study Week 2 (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, November 3, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, November 3, 3:00 p.m. | Music @ Central: Kodak Quartet Chamber Concert |
| ~ Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting |
| ~ Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. - Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ Friday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Climate Action: Be Part of the Solution |
| ~ Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m. | Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Friday, December 6, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Central Youth |

Status of the search for our new minister: We have now entered an important phase of the search process as the Search Committee considers potential candidates for our new minister. Please pray for the members of the committee - that they might be wise and discerning as God's Holy Spirit leads them to that special person 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.

Please continue to pray along with the Search Committee during the search process:

Wise and Loving God,

You know all things good for us, and your Holy Spirit leads us in your way. Guide us to the minister that you have prepared to come and serve your people here at Central. Fill us with vision, with energy, and openness as we seek the person you've chosen for us.

We thank you for all those in our midst that you move to lead, contribute to, or enrich the ministries at Central. We thank you for the plans you have for our church community – both known and unknown to us.

Throughout this season of uncertainty and change, give us mutual love for each other, patience in the work that lies ahead, and wisdom to discern. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit here to move in us and through us, so that we may hear the voice of the person best suited for Central.

Prepare us to receive our new minister with joy and enthusiasm -- and may our new minister serve us with equal joy. May their ministry mark a new chapter in Central's story: a chapter of continued vibrancy, of growth, and of renewal in service of the Triune God. Amen

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/>

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/

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

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.

A Deeper Dive into Mark's Gospel

You are invited to a group study of *the gospel of Mark*, led by Dr. Nick Athanasiadis.

5-part study: Sundays 9 - 10 A.M.

October 27 November 3/10/17/24

Register using the link in our Weekly Email, or contact the office (helena@cpchamilton.ca 905-522-9098 ext. 0)

As commentary we will be using *Mark for Everyone* by Tom Wright

Books are available through the office for a suggested price of \$22. If you order a book, you may connect with Shirley Fredlander on Sundays starting October 5.



In a different context from Sunday worship, this is your opportunity to experience Christian spirituality through guided reading, reflection and learning.

Some Goals:

- insight into the person of Jesus—who was he? What was he about?
- Insight into who disciples are. What is meant by discipleship, what is the Christian journey which we are on at different stages?
- enjoying fellowship with others who are on this journey with us
- risk personal transformation by tapping into the deepest spiritual sources which usher us into joy, peace, energy and desire to be part of the redemption of our world.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Word of the Day:

*¹⁶ But Ruth said,
‘Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!’*

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