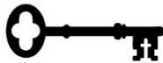




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 20, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday Worship Service

Guest Preacher – Karen Plater

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Dr. Chris Allen

Greeters – Ingrid & Tom Scott

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Devotion Op. 31, No. 1*

G. Vollerthun

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *To Show By Touch and Word*

Words by F. Kaan, Music by R. Klusmeier

Hymn 763 v. 1 & 2

*To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find the good you had of old in mind.*

*Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face, we need your guidance and your grace.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

**Congregation: God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always,
even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.**

In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving
and seeking to live out our love.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God. Let us gather in worship.

* HYMN – All Creatures Of Our God And King

433 vs. 1-4 (see pgs. 6-7)

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 – For The Beauty Of The Earth

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1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 119:33-48 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. 334)

II Kings 4:1-7

SERMON: **From a Little Bit of Oil**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – We Praise You, O God

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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.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *God Is Love*

A. Carter

*God is love: let heaven adore him; God is love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him, And exalt him with one voice.*

Refrain:

*He who laid the earth's foundation, He who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation, He is love, eternal love.*

*God is love: and with his blessing, Daily we our lives renew;
Gladly now his praise expressing, God is faithful, God is true. Refrain*

*God is love: his loving kindness, Follows us through all our days,
God before us, God behind us, Gently guiding in his ways. Refrain*

* 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, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Vivace in G Major*

W. Boyce

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!

We welcome Karen Plater as our Stewardship Guest Speaker:

As the Associate Secretary for Stewardship & Planned Giving for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Karen Plater helps congregations develop effective stewardship programs and encourages them in their mission outreach. She also encourages giving to *Presbyterians Sharing*. Karen began this role in August 2007. Prior to this she worked for eleven years at Presbyterian World Service & Development as their Communications Coordinator.

Karen grew up in Peterborough, Ontario. She graduated from the International Development Program at the University of Toronto in 1996. While working with The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Karen has visited partners in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, India, Malawi, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique and Ukraine. She is passionate about engaging congregations in The Presbyterian Church in Canada's mission partnerships around the world.

After her husband John Plater died in 2012, she and her mother-in-law Margaret continue to live on the farm, which they share with one barn cat, a house cat, four horses, twelve chickens and sixteen goats. David Harvey joined them when Karen and David were married in October 2023.



Following the service today, Sunday, October 20th, there will be light lunch served so all can participate in a discussion on the theme of Stewardship.

All creatures of our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8 8 4 4 8 8 with hallelujahs

Descant

Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and
 Unison Eb (D) Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 - 3 Eb/G Ab

1. All crea-tures of our God and King lift
 2. Wild rush - ing wind, un - bound-ed, strong, high
 3. Deep flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day brings
 5. Let eve - ry - one of ten - der heart, for -
 6. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

wor - ship God: sing prais - es, hal - le -
 Eb/G Fm6 Eb /D Cm Fm7 Bbsus4- 3 /Ab Eb/G Absus2-1 Eb Cm Bb/D

up your voice and with us sing:
 clouds that sail in heaven a - long:
 mu - sic for your God to hear: sing prais - es, hal - le -
 forth your bless-ings on our way:
 giv - ing oth - ers, take their part:
 wor - ship God in hum - ble-ness:

Words: based on Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun" (1182-1226), translation, William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt Music: Auserlesene Katholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne 1623; harmony, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); descant, Christopher Gower (1939-)

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lu - jah! *Unison* Fa - ther, praise the Son,
 Eb6 F Bb Eb/G Eb /D Cm7 Bb7/D Eb Ab/C Bb^{sus}4 - 3 /Ab

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam,
 New ris - ing down in praise re - joice,
 Fierce fire, so mas - ter - ful and bright,
 lu - jah! All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
 All who long pain and sor - row bear,
 Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

Spir - it, Three-in - One: sing prais - es sing
 Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Eb/G Eb *Harmony* Ab/C Ab6 Bb/Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G

O sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam,
 kind lights of eve - ning, find a voice:
 pierce now the dark with heat and light: sing prais - es, sing
 let them God's glo - ry al - so show:
 give God your bur - dens and your care:
 and praise the Spir - it, Three-in - One:

prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Unison
 Ab6 Bb7 Cm Bb/D Eb6 F Bb Cm7 Eb6 Fm Bb7/D C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb 7 Eb

prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

God, whose giving knows no ending

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F /E Bb/D F/C Gm/Bb Gm C /Bb F/A Bb F Gm7 - 6 F

1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3. Treas-ure too you have en-trust-ed, gain through powers your Grace con-ferred.

C/E Am Dm6 F Gsus4-3 C /E F C/G Am F6 G 7 C

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cos-tly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 Ours to use for home and kind-red, and to spread the gos-pel word.

F/A 7 Bbsus2-1 Gm Csus4-3 Am 7 Dmsus2-1 Bb Csus4-3

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, offer-ing up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bour, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

C9/Bb F/A 7 Bb F 7 Gm Dm Bb6 Gm F/A Bb6 C7 F

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, grac-ious don-or of our days.
 born with ta-lents, make us ser-vants fit to ans-wer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Alternate tunes: Austria Beach Spring

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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.

Status of the search for our new minister: The congregational profile has now been forwarded to the Church Vocations Office at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto (the PCC Head Office) for distribution to potential candidates. It is also now 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.

FALL FESTIVAL

DATE : Friday, October 25, 2024

TIME : 5:30 pm – 8pm

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall (gym)

Central's **Fall Festival** is a fun event for the whole congregation. Dinner, music, pumpkin carving. All are welcome!

Please bring your own pumpkin to carve. We will have extra pumpkins for those who need them.

There will also be activities for the older adults!

Casserole dinner will be served, with potluck salads and dessert. Potluck sign-up sheet will be posted in the fellowship hall.



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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.	Stewardship Theme Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PCC Speaker Karen Plater- Lunch and Talk after service
~ Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting
~ Tuesday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Wednesday, October 23, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Durand Market
~ Thursday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Friday, October 25, 5:30-8:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
~ Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.	Gospel of Mark Study Week 1 (Allan Room)
~ Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.	Book Club (Allan Room)
~ Friday, November 1, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Central Youth
~ Sunday, November 3, 3:00 p.m.	Music @ Central: Kodak Quartet Chamber Concert

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/

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/>

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.



Word of the Day: *For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'* (Mark 12: 44)

Prompts for Reflection

Sitting outside the temple treasury one day, Jesus observed those who made their contributions. His attention was caught, by an impoverished widow who “put in two small copper coins.” It was a beautiful act, which may have gone unnoticed, but for the Master’s eyes.



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This puts me in mind of the beautiful words we know from *In the Bleak Midwinter*:

What can I give him, empty as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man I would know my part.

What can I give him? I must give my heart. (Christina Rossetti)

-Nick Athanasiadis

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