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July 12, 2026 10:00 A.M.
7th Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Consolation Georges Bizet
* Hymn 435 (unannounced) "All things bright and beautiful"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Responsive Call to Worship:

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;
All: and a light to our path.
One: God's Word is made visible in Christ;
All: in him we are rooted in truth.
One: God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;
All: and lived out in faithful service.
One: Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.
All: We wait to receive the Word of Life.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession of Sins
Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-13 (p. 685-686)
* Responsive Psalm: 119: 105-112 (p. 569/insert) -Linda Bodkin

* Gloria Patri: *"Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"*

Solo: The God of love my Shepherd is Eric Thiman
Katie Walshaw, soloist

New Testament: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p. 13 & 14) -Linda Bodkin

* Hymn 637 "Take my life, and let it be consecrated"

Sermon: **"The Parable of Dumbo"**

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 570 "I have decided to follow Jesus"
Receiving our morning offering:
* Doxology *"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."*

Offertory Prayer
Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession
The Lord's Prayer (sins/sin against)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn 467 "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"
Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: Voluntary in C Maurice Greene

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Welcome to Central! We are so glad that you've joined us this morning. We hope that together we will find the joy and peace of Christian community. We also welcome those that are joining us remotely on Facebook Live this morning.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishnawbe, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this community. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet here and re-affirm our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our community.

If you haven't already "liked" us on **Facebook**, log on and set up a Facebook account and once you have found the church under Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, click "like" and all your contacts will see anything that we post on the church site. It's a great forum for keeping up to date and advertising when we have events. Rev. Larry's weekly message is posted there.

For Summer Pastoral Care – If pastoral care is needed, please contact Carolyn via phone 519-752-4932 or email centralpres97@gmail.com or contact Rev. Larry Amiro at 519-802-4590. If either contact can't be reached please contact our Interim Moderator; Rev. Dean Adlam at: deanandnadine@bell.net or 519-758-5516.

Hospital Pastoral Visits - if you know of anyone in hospital, please let the office know 519-752-4932 so we can arrange a pastoral visit, the Brantford General Hospital has a privacy policy that won't allow clergy to know if someone from their church is in hospital.

Garden Echoes is coming to Whistling Gardens! Join Arcady's talented string quartet on **Saturday, August 8 at 4:00 PM** for an unforgettable afternoon of music and nature. Featuring beloved works by Mozart, Purcell & Pachelbel, plus **two world premieres** by Ronald Beckett and Emma Verdonk, with special guest mezzo-soprano Janaki Butterworth. Tickets include garden admission and fountain show! \$42 / \$15 (under 18) Rain date: Aug 9 4pm. Get tickets → www.arcady.ca

Usher: Linda Bodkin

Scripture Reader: Linda Bodkin

Soloist: Katie Walshaw

IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey

Produce collection of the month – our next collection date is Sunday, July 19th.

We have chosen to collect *cucumbers* this month for Friendship House. Please drop off your donation in the bushel baskets at the door as you enter the church. Thank you in advance for supporting this community Outreach!

Summer office hours - will remain the same, but Carolyn will be working from home. If you need to phone the church office hours are Monday - Friday; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., or you can email the church office anytime at: centralpres97@gmail.com If you wish to add an announcement into the bulletin, the information is needed by Tuesday morning each week.

If you have any news that you would like to share with your Central church family throughout the summer, please send an email to the church office at (centralpres97@gmail.com)

Reminder of the taxi service available for anyone to use to get to and from church. We have set up an account with Brant Taxi/Bell City Cab if you need a ride to and/or from church on any Sunday, at no cost to you. Just call them for a ride at 519-752-1010 and the church will cover the fare. **When you call, please quote the church account number is 397.**

Six Nations Food Bank is in need of reuseable grocery bags, if you have any extras you do not need, please bring them in with your one dozen egg cartons.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

12:00 P.M. – St. Andrew's Circle lunch meeting

Responsive Psalm 119: 105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**