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July 19, 2026 10:00 A.M.
8th Sunday after Pentecost

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(* Please stand as able, where asterisk shown)

Prelude: Passacaille Luigi Rossi
* Hymn (unannounced) 411 “Stand up and bless the Lord”
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Responsive Call to Worship:

One: We gather in the presence of God;
All: We have come to worship and praise God’s name.
One: We gather in joy and expectancy;
All: We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.
One: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
All: Speak your word of life to us, O God.

Prayers of Adoration, Confession of sins
Assurance of Forgiveness,

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28: 10-19a (p. 25)
* Responsive Psalm: 139: 1-12, 23-24 (p. 577-578 /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: Qui Sedes (from Gloria) Antonio Vivaldi
Katie Walshaw, soloist

New Testament: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (p. 14 & 15)
-Linda Bodkin

* Hymn 675 “Precious Lord, take my hand”

Sermon: “A Bustle In Your Hedgerow”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn 757 “Come sing, O church, in joy!”
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 648 “I’m gonna live so God can use me”
* Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: Bourree GP Telemann



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. 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.

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)

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

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.

Usher: Linda Bodkin

Scripture Reader: Linda Bodkin

Soloist: Katie Walshaw

IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey

Today is produce collection Sunday for Friendship House – we have chosen to collect *cucumbers* this month, please leave donations in the bushel basket as you enter the church. Thank you in advance for supporting this Community Outreach!

The Session is inviting you to an interactive meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m. to help plan our way forward. Please join us for conversation and light refreshments.

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.

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.

Responsive Psalm – 139: 1-12, 23-24

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ **See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**