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May 10, 2026 10:00 A.M.  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Christian Family Sunday

### WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(\* please stand as you are able)

Prelude: Solveig's Song Edvard Grieg  
\* Hymn 39 "God of mercy, God of grace"  
Welcome and Announcements

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

One: Let us see you this day, O God;

**All: Come to us as light.**

One: Let us hear you this day, O God;

**All: Come to us as truth.**

One: Let us sense your presence, O God;

**All: Come to us as love.**

One: Come and let us worship, God.

**All: We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sins  
Assurance of Pardon

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 1-7a (p. 803)

\* Responsive Psalm: 66: 8-20 (p. 528-529/insert) -Christine Seebeck

\* 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: Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone  
Katrina Keeler, oboist

New Testament: John 14: 15-21 (p. 109) -Christine Seebeck

\* Hymn 698 "Saviour, teach me day by day"

Message: "An Old Campfire Song"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 694 "This is my commandment"

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 371 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude: March (Ode on St. Cecilia's Day) GF Handel

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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 today.

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 Amiro's weekly message is posted on our page each week.

**For Pastoral Care** – If pastoral care is needed; please contact Carolyn in the church office at 519-752-4932, **Rev. Larry Amiro is away until May 27<sup>th</sup>**. If Carolyn 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.

**Reminder of the taxi service available** to anyone to use to get to church and/or get home from church. We have set up an account with **Brant Taxi/Bell City Cab** (only those cab companies) if you need a ride to and 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, the church account number is 397**. If you can quote this number when you call the dispatch office for a ride, it will bring up the church account at their end and is the easiest way for them to see we have an account with them. You can also quote the church name, but the number is a bit faster. Please make sure to tell the driver the address for the church at **442 Grey Street, Unit E**, it might be an idea to mention it as well during phone calls just to be safe, so they don't take you to or try to pick up at the old building on Wellington Street.

**Usher:** Christine Seebeck  
**Scripture Reader:** Christine Seebeck  
**Oboist:** Katrina Keeler  
**IPad Camera:** Bruce Trickey

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the Faber family on the passing of *Betty Faber* on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Visitation at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Memorial service at 1 p.m. will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at McCleisters, 495 Park Road, N.

**Today is Food Collection Sunday** - We are collecting food for Friendship House this week, as we were on Zoom last week and didn't meet in person. Please leave all non-perishable donations in the bushel baskets at the door. Thank you for supporting this Community Outreach!

**Reminder - to shut off your cell phone before the worship service starts every Sunday.**

**The Women's Federation Annual meeting** has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please send any reports to Joyce David if you are unable to attend the meeting to: [joycedavid@rogers.com](mailto:joycedavid@rogers.com)

**Women's Federation ongoing Mission Project – Six Nations Community Food Bank** can use good clean used one dozen egg cartons. If you could save them and bring them to church, we will ensure they get to the food bank. They will not accept 18 egg or 24 flats. Thank you in advance for supporting this Mission Project.

**Reminder** – if you would like to visit with Rev. Bill, he is in the building most Wednesday's between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. please call first to make sure he is in the building and not out on a pastoral care visit; 519-616-9252.

If you have any news that you would like to share with your Central church family, please send the church office an email at: [centralpres97@gmail.com](mailto:centralpres97@gmail.com) and it will be included with the weekly emails to keep our church family up to date.

## Onward Christian Soldiers

The Session has met in March and April, to discuss how the congregation can move forward in its worship and work. Our third session will focus on the “Why” of our future. Soon, the Session hopes to invite all of the congregation to show their thoughts and discuss plans. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

## TUESDAY, May 12

11:00 A.M. – Women’s Federation Annual meeting

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

## Responsive Psalm: 66: 8-20

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup> **who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**

<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

<sup>13</sup> **I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**

<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup> **But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.