

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**Ordinary Time**

**SMALL GROUP WORSHIP SERVICE LITURGY**

**The entire worship service will be streamed live starting at 9:30am at**  
<http://www.firsthamilton.ca/live>

Pastor: Dr. Ken Herfst

Music Team: Ian Bruce's team

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**WORSHIP SERVICE      9:30 am**

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

**Prelude: *Teach Us To Number Our Days*** (CCLI Song #2586081 - CCLI License #2024198)

**GOD GATHERS US**

Welcome

Opening Prayer: *Worship Sourcebook 2nd. Edition T.1.4.5 (p. 758)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who by your Word and Spirit  
has been gathering your people out of the entire human race  
from the beginning of of the world to its end:

Keep your church strong and add to it.

destroy every force that conspires against you and your people.

empower your church

to keep faith, hope, and love alive:

to declare your Word's promises and commands;

to bless and enrich the lives of others;

to worship and bring delight to you.

O Triune God, prompt your people eagerly to await the day  
when they shall fellowship with one another forever  
and unite to sing you their undying thanks and praise. **Amen.**

Call to Worship: *Worship Sourcebook 2nd. Edition 1.2.32 (p. 55)*

Pastor: Let us worship God.

**People: "He is our refuge and our fortress,  
Our God in whom we trust."**

Pastor: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"

And believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Pastor: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
Confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.  
(- Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13)

\* Greetings:

The Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

\* **Song: Hymnal #575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** (Public Domain)

### **GOD RENEWS US**

Call to Confession: *Worship Sourcebook 2nd. Edition 2.1.16 (p. 85)*

When we gather to praise God,  
we remember that we are people  
who have preferred our wills to his.  
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: *Worship Sourcebook 2nd. Edition 2.2.18 (p. 92)*

Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you.  
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbours in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**Song of Assurance: Hymnal #370 My Soul Finds Rest**

(CCLI Song #5040902 - CCLI License #2024199)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession | Jules de Jager

\* **Song: Hymnal #140 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

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### **GOD SPEAKS WITH US**

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7;12-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 90:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Message: *How then shall we wait?*

Prayer

\* **Song: Hymnal #772 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** (Public Domain)

### **GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERINGS**

Offering: First Offering: First Hamilton CRC Budget

Second Offering: Area Christian Schools: Calvin Christian School - Hamilton; Providence Christian School; Oak Hill Academy; Hamilton District Christian High

### **Ways to give:**

- 1) **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** (to get set up with PAR, please email [office@firsthamilton.ca](mailto:office@firsthamilton.ca))
- 2) **CanadaHelps.org:** <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/first-hamilton-christian-reformed-church/>  
(please put a note with designation details in the message area)
- 3) Or, by **mailing** a cheque to 195 Charlton Ave W. Hamilton, ON L8P 2C9

### **GOD SENDS US**

\* Closing Prayer: *Worship Sourcebook 2nd. Edition N.9.1.4 (p. 659)*

O Lord, though you were rich,  
for our sakes you became poor.  
You have promised in your gospel  
that whatever is done to the least,  
you will receive as done to you.  
Give us grace, we humbly ask you,  
to be ever willing and ready to minister, as you enable us,  
to the necessities of our brothers and sisters,  
and to extend the blessings of your kingdom  
over all the world, to your praise and glory,  
God over all, blessed forever. **Amen.**

\* Blessing

\* **Song: Hymnal #965 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** (Public Domain)