

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter 4 – Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

*You are invited to stand, if able
You are invited to **say or sing** the bold print

PRELUDE

Brian Frawley

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING OF THE PEACE

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

The Lord is our light and salvation... (Psalm 27:1)

WORDS

The Word of God calls us to thanksgiving. **We give thanks to God who is good and whose love is eternal.** The Word of God calls us to praise. **We praise the Lord in this house and everywhere!**

* **HYMN:** #409 “Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

OPENING PRAYER

Surprise us, O most glorious God! **Surprise us with your message of hope, when the world seems a hostile place.** Surprise us, O most caring God! **Surprise us with your sustaining presence, when we do not know where to turn.** Surprise us, O most revealing God! **Surprise us with the face of Jesus Christ, in the most unexpected of persons. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: #958 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

CARIBBEAN

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (pg. 916)

HYMN: (Insert) “This Little Light of Mine”

Collier’s Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

PRAYER WITH COLLIER’S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Collier’s Kids.

***HYMN:** #389 “God is Here” (1, 3-4)

Abbot’s Leigh

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Brian Frawley

***SUNG DEDICATION:** MV#191 “What Can I Do?”

What Can I do? What can I bring? What Can I say? What Can I sing? I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer. I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

*BLESSING OF OFFERING AND GIFTS

Holy One, you bless us with many gifts. **You bless us with the will to make a difference. You bless us with a generous spirit.** May our gifts be used always to transform the world! **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE:

Psalm 23 (pg. 749) & 1 John 3:16-24

Paul Ambridge

Hear what the spirit is saying, **we are listening...**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

MESSAGE: “God’s Commands!”

Hewitt T. Holmes

* **HYMN:** #409 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (1-2)

TRENTHAM

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

***HYMN:** #884 “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

TREES OF THE FIELD

*COMMISSIONING

The risen spirit of Jesus is with us as we leave this sanctuary. **The risen Christ makes us build Christian community.** Encourages us to use our varied gifts to build a better city in Barrie and beyond. **Calls us to stand up and be counted knowing that in the Spirit of Christ, everything is possible. YES! YES! YES!**
(Hewitt Holmes)

***SENDING CHORUS:** “Go Now in Peace”

N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

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