

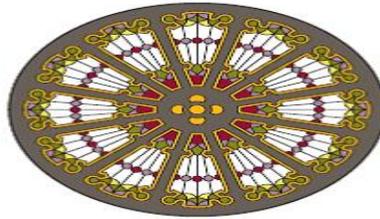
**Celebration of New Ministry**

**Covenanting Service**

for

**HEWITT T. HOLMES, Rev.,**

and



**COLLIER**  
—CENTRED—  
*with God • in Barrie • on You*

and

the Living Waters' Presbytery & the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada.



*Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.*

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**Officiating:**

William Haughton, Rev. – *Team Minister/Liturgist*  
Kirsty Hunter, Rev. – *Conference Representative/Liturgist*  
Terry Davies, Mr. – *Chair of Living Waters Presbytery*  
Japhet Ndhlovu, Rev. Dr. – *Preacher*

## WORHSIP ORDER

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

### We Gather

#### Prelude

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** - Child

#### Greeting:

**Presider:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

#### Words of Welcome and Affirmation

**Presider:** We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate a new ministry,  
and to covenant together for the service of Christ at NN United Church.  
We are called to welcome one another, both friend and stranger.  
We are called to be the Church, the witness of Christ in the world.  
Every one of us here is a beloved child of God,  
precious in God's sight and a wonder to behold.  
We are sent out as disciples who follow in his steps, who walk in his ways.

#### Gathering Words:

##### One:

We gather today in the name of the Holy One.  
We come into the presence of the Spirit of Life.  
We come seeking to be God's faithful community.

##### All:

**We are sisters and brothers in Christ.**  
**We come to worship God together.**  
**We come open to the Spirit working within us and among us.**

##### One:

All that we have and all that we are is God's good gift to us.  
God's breath gives life to us and to all of creation.  
God's heart cares for each living thing.

##### All:

**Let us worship God, the Maker of all that is.**  
**Let us come into God's presence with joy and praise.**  
**Let us be glad in this holy place!**

#### Opening Prayer (Youth)

Holy One, we gather in your name to celebrate new beginnings.  
We give thanks for the abundance of gifts in our midst.  
May we use all of these gifts wisely and well,  
that we may witness to your love for the world.  
Guide our steps in the way of Jesus  
who calls us to be his disciples.  
By your Spirit that is Holy,  
empower us to live into your realm of justice and peace. Amen.

\*Hymn #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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## We Hear the Word

### Scripture Readings:

**Hebrew** Jeremiah 31:31-35  
**Gospel:** John 21:15-19 - Reader

**Response:** The Holy Word, **may it inspire and challenge.**

**Sermon:** "This Covenant..." Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu  
*(Programme Coordinator – United Church of Canada, General Council)*

**Anthem:** "I See the Love of God in Every River" D. Ouchterlony

### Invitation to Offering

*(The offerings received will go to the Education & Students Committees of the Living Waters Presbytery, to assist individuals in the candidacy process.)*

### Offering Music

**Offering Dedication – Leader**

## We Covenant Together

**\*Affirmation of Faith – The New Creed (VU, pg. 918)**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church;  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Presentation of Hewitt**

**Member of the pastoral charge** (*Chair of governing body or interview team*)

On behalf of Collier Street United pastoral charge, I present Rev. Hewitt Holmes, who has been called to a ministry of learning and growing in faith – children, youth and pastoral care. We believe he is qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

### **Presider:**

Hewitt, you have been called to the ministry of learning and growing in faith – children, youth and pastoral care.

You, the members and staff team of this pastoral charge, are called to join in worship, study, prayer and action.

Living Waters Presbytery provides support to all ministry personnel within the presbytery; it nurtures healthy pastoral relationships, and is responsible for the oversight of this pastoral charge.

Toronto Conference, through the Conference personnel minister, provides support to the Ministry & Personnel Committee and is available for consultation and advice to ministry personnel. The Conference is also responsible for the oversight and discipline of all ministry personnel within the Conference. Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this day.

Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God,  
you invite us all to join together in Christ's ministry;  
may you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves  
to work together in Christ's name. Amen.**

### **Promises of the Team Ministry**

**Presider:** (*addressing the new minister*) Hewitt, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

**Called Team Minister:** I do, God being my helper.

**Presider:** Will you accept the support and encouragement of this pastoral charge and this presbytery and, together with the church's members and adherents, be responsible for the oversight of the church's life?

**Called Team Minister:** I will, God being my helper.

**Presider:** Will you accept the oversight and discipline of Toronto Conference?

**Called Team Minister:** I will, God being my helper.

**Presider:** *(addressing the team ministers)* Hewitt and Will, you have been called by God to work together in this pastoral charge. Will you promise in faith and obedience to Christ to share this ministry, supporting one another in the love of God and, through your unity of spirit, inspiring all God's people here in their common ministry for Christ?

**Team ministers:** We will, God being our helper.

**Promises of the Pastoral Charge** *(The members and adherents of the pastoral charge stand as they are able)*

**Presider:** Will you join with Hewitt in his ministry of learning and growing in faith among children and youth within this pastoral charge and in the world?

**Members and adherents of the pastoral charge:** We will, God being our helper.

**Presider:** Will you join and support Hewitt and Will in their ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral care among us and in the world?

**Members and adherents of the pastoral charge:** We will, God being our helper.

**Promises of the Presbytery** *(Members of the presbytery stand as they are able)*

**Presider:** Will you, as members of Living Waters Presbytery, join with Hewitt and this pastoral charge in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

**Presbytery members:** We will, God being our helper.

**Presider:** Will you exercise oversight and support for their work and witness and encourage them in this ministry?

**Presbytery members:** We will, God being our helper.

*Members of presbytery are seated.*

**Promises of the Toronto Conference** *(Members of the Conference stand as they are able)*

**Presider/Conference Representative(s):** On behalf of Toronto Conference, I pledge that the Conference will join this minister, this team, this pastoral charge, and Living Waters Presbytery in the ministry that is both theirs and ours. We will provide faithful support of their work and witness and will exercise compassionate oversight and discipline of ministry personnel, God being our helper.

**Presentation of Symbols**

**A Teddy Bear** *(A child member of the pastoral charge carries a Teddy Bear to Hewitt.)*

**Presenter:** Take this Bear. Teach us to learn and grow in faith through play and the creative work of God in the world. Care for us gently and in love.

**People: Amen.**

*(The new minister places the Bear on the communion table.)*

**A Feather** *(A youth member of the pastoral charge carries a Feather to Hewitt.)*

**Presenter:** Take this Feather. Help us to learn and grow in faith, equipping us to discover our Spirit given gifts and talents. Care for us enthusiastically and inspire us.

**People: Amen.**

*(The new minister places the Feather on the communion table.)*

**A Shell** *(The Team Minister Will carries a shell to Hewitt)*

**Presenter:** Take this Shell. Recognizing the presence of God among us, be a part of providing spiritual growth through the sacraments of baptism and communion.

**People: Amen.**

*(The new minister places the Shell on the communion table.)*

**A Children or Youth Bible** *(An elder or member will carry a Bible to Hewitt)*

**Presenter:** Take this Bible. Teach us to work together to pass along the important stories of our faith from one generation to the next.

**People: Amen.**

*(The new minister places the Bible on the communion table.)*

**Presider:** *Hewitt and Collier Street United Church, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours and yours in this place.*

**All:** Amen.

**Response of Hewitt**

**We Pray & Greet**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Hewitt**

**Musical Response - The Prayer of Jesus (VU# 959)**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Congregation offers gift to Hewitt**

**Song of Response:** “Halle, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (VU# 958)

**We Go Into God’s World**

**\*Hymn: #509 “I, The Lord of Sea and Sky”**

**HERE I AM, LORD**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**