

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Black History Month – Epiphany 7 – Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 – 10:30 am

\*Invites you to stand, as you are able

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print**

### PREPARATION & PRAYER

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** “I Shall Be Released”

B. Dylan

### WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND:

This morning, like many mornings, we gather in this place, built by the work of our ancestors on the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek First Nations.

**We give thanks for all people, especially the First Nations of this land, for their grace and willingness to share, and pray that we will continue to work to build and deepen right relationship of mutual respect and love, today and always.**

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST’S CANDLE** (Sung response – “We are Marching” – VU# 646, v.1)

**1 We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)oo-oo,  
(marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God invites us to leave our anxieties behind.

**This a community of support.**

Jesus invites us to leave our grudges behind.

**This a community of fresh starts.**

The Spirit encourages us to leave our prejudice behind.

**This is a community where all are valued.**

God, Jesus and the Spirit call us to leave our discouragements behind.

**This is a community of eternal hope.**

*(Inspired by Responsive Prayers – Year C – David Sparks)*

**\*HYMN:** MV#1 “Let Us Build a House”

MARTY HAUGEN

**1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,**

**A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;**

**Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**2. Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,**

**Where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;**

**Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

**all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace:**

**Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **SILENCE**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble." The peace of God be with you. **And also with you!**

**PEACE SONG:** VU#958 "Halle, Halle, Halle" CARIBBEAN

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## **WE GIVE AND CARE**

Offering Music: "The Swan" no. 13 C. Saint-Saens

\*Offering Response: MV#191 "What Can I Do?" WHITEMORE

**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.**

\*Offering Prayer

**BIBLE READINGS:** Luke 6:27-38

Anne Snell

<sup>27</sup> "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** "Hymn to Freedom" by O. Peterson      CHRIS NESS

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:** "But Love Your Enemies" *Hewitt Holmes*

## **A PRAYER OF THE GOLDEN RULE**

### **PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY**

\***HYMN:** VU#678 "For the Healing of the Nations"      CWM RONDDA

**1 For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing**

**of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2 Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**

**4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.**

## **BLESSING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**SENDING SONG: "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.**

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*Vickie is away February 27<sup>th</sup>*

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## WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

**USHERS:** *Team 2 – Marg Valad, Terry Tizzard, Ruby Cox, Mary Kay Marshall, Rob Murdock & Maureen Attwell Murdock, Donna Martin, Robin Milani & Mary Hekkenberg.*

**HEARING ASSISTS** *are available from an Usher.*

**SCRIPTURE READERS** *needed for worship? Contact Hewitt or Joyce Moore.*

**PARKING** *is available in the underground building next to the Lawyers office, on the streets and in the Church parking lot. WE kindly ask you NOT TO PARK your vehicle in the marked pathway between designated accessibility parking spots. Thank you!*

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## ...STAY CONNECTED...TODAY

**WELCOME** to worship at Collier. We are happy to have you with us. We ask our visitors to sign the book at the front main entrance. Feel free to worship the Holy One in Spirit and Truth. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Hall after the service. If you would like to help with purchasing supplies and serving Tea/Coffee, please speak with Joyce Moore.

**INTERIM** – Organist is Chris Ness & Choir Director Sharon Saint.

**THANK YOU** - Today, we say thank you to Chris & Sharon for helping with our music over the last few months. You have been a blessing to us, we love and appreciate YOU!

## **MILESTONES**

**BIRTHDAYS** – Dan Domjanic, Dave Tillberg(Mar 1), Jordan Lees, Tamara Rutkauskas, Peter Rutkauskas(Mar 2), Claire Dolmage, Jean Perrin, Naomi Cole(Mar 3).

**ANNIVERSARY** – 50 years of marriage for Dorothy & Joe Schonewille.

**BIRTHDAY SONG:** Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true.  
May God's richest blessing descend upon you!

## **...AS WE WORSHIP GOD**

### **March: "The Journey of Lent"**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Exodus 34:29-35	<i>Changed and Changing...</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Prayer of Protection	Hewitt Holmes

## **...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** - The celebration of February as Black History (or African Heritage) Month begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent.

**Book** – Christianity & Black Oppression, *Duppy Know Who Fe Frighten* by Zay Green.

**Movie** - Black Earth Rising (Netflix)

**Training** - Diversity II at Collier – February 27, 2019 – 9 to 12 noon.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will take place on **Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm** at Westside Lutheran Church , 510 Ferndale Dr. N. Please come to support Collier Street United Church. For further information please call Pat Ash 705-431-4225 or Ruby Cox 705-792.7359.

**NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR** – Next Sunday, March 3rd, we will welcome our new Music Director, Marilyn Reesor. We look forward to hearing/listening and working with our new Music Director.

**AMACIE UCW** Meeting will take place on March 6 at 7:00 PM in the lounge. What Candles Symbolize will be our topic of interest. All are welcome to attend. Come and find out what your candles mean to you.

**THE OBSERVER** Renew or order by March 7th. Remit \$25 in the marked envelope on the display, in the foyer, payable to Collier Street United Church

**THE LINK-** The next publication of the LINK will be **March. 21<sup>st</sup>**. The deadline for submissions is the **14<sup>th</sup> of March..** We welcome articles and photos of any church happenings. Please email Vickie at [officeadmin@collierunited.ca](mailto:officeadmin@collierunited.ca) or leave items in her mail box.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** - Mark your calendars for the **2019** Lenten Services; **Tuesday March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16!** Services are from **12:00 noon to 12:30 pm.** Please join us for lunch immediately following the service. The cost of lunch is \$9.00. Our Volunteer Sign-Up sheets are now posted as well as our *new* menu's...yum!

**CHAPEL** - located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be March 17, 2019 after morning's worship.



**PRAYER REQUESTS** - *write on a care card and place in the offering plate.* Please hold in your prayers the following (at their request): Melanie Moffat, Rid & Agnes Groves, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Ruby Johnston, Shirley Dunstan, Jim Tizzard, Bud and Joyce Moore.

**FACILITY RENTALS** - We have the following facilities available for rent to support the needs of the community: Church Hall, Sanctuary, Meeting Rooms, Office Space. Available hourly, daily, weekly or monthly. Contact Vickie as indicated above.

### **...AS WE LEARN & GROW IN FAITH**

**DAILY READING** - *Physical Exercise is good but of limited value, Godliness is very dear, a pledge of life, both there and here. (1 Timothy 4:8).* So we spend some time with God and the Scriptures each day this week:

Mon., Feb. 25 – Mk. 5:21-43

Tues., Feb. 26 – Mk. 6:1-29

Wed. Feb. 27 – Mk. 26:30-56

Thurs., Feb. 28 – Mk. 7:1-13

Fri., Mar. 1 – Mk. 7:14-37

Sat., Mar. 2 – Mk. 8:1-21

### **...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS**

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – The congregation AGM will be today. The booklets are available. The worship will take place in hall. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

**SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE** – Would you like to serve on our team of supporting leaders starting May 2019? If you do, talk with Sharon Crossley about the 8-10 people needed for the Session and Lianne Patterson about the 4-5 people needed on the Official Board.

**UCW SPRING VENDORS MARKET** - We are looking for vendors to sell crafts, jewelry, delicious treats, Tupperware, beauty products, tea, clothing, antiques, kitchenware, toys, pottery etc. for our **SPRING VENDOR MARKETPLACE on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>** Cost of a table: 8 ft - \$60.00 6 ft - \$50.00 4 ft - \$40.00. For more information please contact Terry Oram – [CollierunitedUCW@bell.net](mailto:CollierunitedUCW@bell.net) or call 705-627-1833

**COLLIER'S EMAIL NEWSLETTER** - We are now sending occasional newsletter emails to congregants (weekly or bi-weekly) with Collier news, events and updates. We encourage you to sign up to receive these emails. You can either call the office to give them your email address, or go to the website - you can sign up right on the homepage under "Subscribe to our newsletter".

**COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS** continue—March 9 & 23 – 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Collier.