

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd. Sunday of Lent, March 17th 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: Lenten Medley

MARILYN REESOR

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 – "I am the Light of the World" – VU# 87, chorus)

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!'

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

The light of Christ will enlighten us to love and live together in community. The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

CENTERING WORDS:

God of our Lenten days and journey.

We worship you with deep, deep humility.

We worship you searching for peace

We worship you in faith community

We worship you looking to Jesus and to his Lenten journey

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

***HYMN:** VU#327 “All Praise to Thee” (vv. 1, 4-5) SINE NOMINE

**1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

**4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

**5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

REFLECTIVE PRAYER

(Remembering The Journey of Jesus to Jerusalem)

SUNG RESPONSE: MV# 118 “Me Alone, Me Alone” JAMAICAN

One: Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness. (2x)

All: Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness (2x)

PEACE & THE WORD

SILENCE

HYMN: VU#664 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" FRIENDSHIP
Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

OFFERING AND CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "What Grace is Mine"

LONDONDERRY AIR

*Offering Response: VU#540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"

STUTT GART

*Offering Prayer

SUNG RESPONSE: #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

CARIBBEAN

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

BIBLE READINGS: Psalm 27

Larry Murray

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. ⁴One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. ⁶Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. ⁷Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. ¹⁰Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. ¹¹Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. ¹²Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. ¹³I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Amazing Grace" by Craig Courtney

CHOIR

SERMON: "Prayer of Hope"

Hewitt Holmes

OFFERING & PRAYER

***HYMN:** VU#674 "Fight the Good Fight" (vv. 1, 3-4)

PENTECOST

**1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.**

**3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
God's boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**4 Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;
God changes not and you are dear.
Only believe, and Christ shall be
your all in all eternally.**

A NEW CREED (vv 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.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer – Traditional)

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***COMMISSIONING:**

Obedient to Jesus, God's Chosen One, we leave this Church!
**We will take with us what we need for our Lenten journey;
We will walk the hard road that Jesus walked,**

**We know we have friends from the Collier family,
We know the power of prayer and meditation,
We will do our best to follow Jesus into the places that
deny life in all its fullness.**

God's love surrounds us and the Spirit remains our guide!
(Responsive Prayers – David Sparks – Year C)

***HYMN:** VU#660 "How Firm a Foundation "

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- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**
- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'**

***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.

POSTLUDE: Largo HANDEL

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Vickie will be away from March 11-18.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 5 – Lynn Dolmage, Jane Craig, Sandra Rouch, Larry & Sally Murray, Andrew Domashus, Murray & Carol Minshall, Barb Bassett, Nancy Clark.*

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!*

...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. Today, we have Scouts and Guides participating in worship. Welcome to the children, parents, guardians and leaders.

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR – On March 1st, we welcomed our new Music Director, Marilyn Reesor. We look forward to hearing/listening and working with you!

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS – Leon Periard(March 17), Madison McDermott(March 18), Madison & Mikayla McDermott(March 19), Pat Edwards(March 20), Terry Oram, Emily Beam(March 21), Emma Patterson(March 23), Lynn Dolmage(March 24).

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 24th Psalm 63:1-8 *Prayer of Praise* Hewitt Holmes
Mar 31st Psalm 32 *Prayer of Forgiveness* Hewitt Holmes

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS continue—March 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25 and June 08 & 22 – 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Collier.

NEW MEMBERS – On Palm Sunday, April 14, we will receive person(s) in full membership of Collier Street and by extension the United Church of Canada. Hewitt will be having two preparation meetings on March 13 & 27 at 7 pm at Collier. Feel free to let Hewitt, the office or Marilyn King (Session) know if you are interested in taking this step of faith on your Christian journey.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wednesday, March 20th @12:00pm. Tickets will be on sale Sunday the 17th. Our guest speaker will be our very own Hewitt Holmes. His subject will be "Journey into Ministry". Tickets are \$13.00.

UNITY UCW – Will meet the third Monday of each month at Mom's restaurant at 11:30am. Our next meeting will be **March 18th**. All are welcome.

CAFE will be selling sweets, hot and cold beverage during Vendor Sale **MARCH 30**. Please put your name on signup sheet outside M11 to donate the following item. Muffins, Cinnamon Buns, Date Squares, Scones **DO NOT CUT YOUR SQUARES. NO COOKIES PLEASE.** Any questions contact Audrey Eddy

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd 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., Mar. 18 – Mk. 15:26-47

Wed. Mar. 20 – Lk. 1:1-20

Fri., Mar. 22 – Lk. 1:39-56

Tues., Mar. 19 – Mk. 16

Thurs., Mar. 21 – Lk. 1:21-38

Sat., Mar. 23 – Lk. 1:57-80

LENTEN SERIES & LUNCHESES - 2019 Lenten Services under the theme "Waters of Life" will take place from March 12 to April 16. **March 19** – *The Faithful Word (Matthew 27:45-46) with Tom Lowry, March 26* – *The Compassionate Word (John 19:26-27) with Jennifer Wager, April 2* – *The Suffering Word (John 19:28-29) with Susan Eagle, April 9* – *The Remembering Word (1 Cor. 11:23-26) with David Davis, and April 16* – *The Fulfilled Word (John 19:30) with Ann Cregor.* Services are from **12:00 noon to 12:30 pm.** Lunch will be immediately after the service at a small cost of \$9.00. The menu is new and looks great...yum...yum!

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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 30th** 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 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 Activities – Week of Sunday, March 17th, 2019

SUNDAY

10:15am Nursery - M6/7

10:30am Worship – Fellowship Hall

10:45am Collier Kids – M5

MONDAY

6:45pm Jesus Walk – Hall

TUESDAY

9:30am New L.I.F.E Group –
Library

9:30am Prayer Shawl – Lounge

12:00pm Lenten Service –
Sanctuary

12:35pm Lenten Lunch – Hall

7:00pm Silent Auction – U10

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

Fellowship

Lunch - Hall

THURSDAY

9:30am Women's Bible Study
Lounge

7:00pm Choir – M2, Sanctuary

FRIDAY

SATURDAY