

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd. Sunday of Lent, March 24th 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: Medley of Hymns

SHARON SAINT

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God, you are our God. We long for you on this Lenten journey.

Like a parched, dry land, our souls are thirsty for you.

Your constant love is the ground of our being; it is life itself.

As long as we have breath, and beyond, we will joyfully praise you.

(Prayers to Share – Year C – David Sparks)

***HYMN:** VU#234 "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" (w. 1-3) MONKLAND

- 1 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.**

- 2 God, with all-commanding might,
filled the newmade world with light;
for God's mercies still endure, R**

- 3 God has with a gracious eye
looked upon our misery;
for God's mercies still endure, R**

OPENING PRAYER

SILENCE

A LENTEN CONFESSION

A time of decision making for Jesus; to keep to the country byways, or to take the Jerusalem highway.

Be with us in our time of decision making, O God.

A time of discouragement for the disciples; Jesus choosing to confront the powerful ones.

Be with us when we feel powerless and afraid, O God.

A time when the rulers, religious and political, feel threatened by the good and generous Way of Jesus.

Be with us when we are tempted to compromise with truth or compassion, O God.

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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)**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer – Traditional): (VU, pg. 914)

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.

PEACE & THE WORD

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!**

HYMN: MV#30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" RUTH DUCK

Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain:

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

***It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the
song, Refrain***

BIBLE READINGS: Psalm 63:1-8

Rob Murdock

¹ You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. ⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. ⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "The Prayer Will Lead Us Lord" by CHOIR

SERMON: "Prayer of Praise" *Hewitt Holmes*

OFFERING & PRAYER

***HYMN:** VU#663 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

**1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.**

O let me from this day be wholly thine.

**2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;**

nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

- 3 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

OFFERING AND CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

JESUS WALK

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS
I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS
I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS
NO TURNING BACK, NO TURNING BACK.**

**THE CROSS I'LL CARRY, TILL I SEE JESUS
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THE CROSS I'LL CARRY, TILL I SEE JESUS
NO TURNING BACK, NO TURNING BACK**

**THOUGH NONE GO WITH ME, STILL I WILL FOLLOW
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NO TURNING BACK, NO TURNING BACK.**

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

*Offering Prayer:

Loving God, we believe that these gifts present opportunities to build each other up and to strengthen and encourage those who feel discouraged!

We present them hopefully. We pray that these gifts will go to work within this faith community and beyond.

(Responsive Prayers – David Sparks – Year C)

HYMN: VU#376 "Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

**1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Hewitt Holmes

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***HYMN:** VU#240 "Praise, My Soul the God of Heaven " (vv. 1-3)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,

**1. glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!**

**2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

**3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!**

***BENEDICTION & 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: "Jesus, With Us Abide"

JAMES SOUTHBRIDGE

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...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. 25 – Lk. 2:25-52

Tues., Mar. 26 – Lk. 3

Wed. Mar. 27 – Lk. 4:1-30

Thurs., Mar. 28 – Lk 4:31-44

Fri., Mar. 29 – Lk. 5:1-16

Sat., Mar. 30 – Lk. 5:17-39

LENTEN SERIES & LUNCHES - 2019 Lenten Services under the theme "Waters of Life" will take place from March 12 to April 16. **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 Warren, 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".

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

THE NEWS LINK – The March issue of the link is available online and for pick and distribution by Elders today, March 24.

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

Amicae – April 3rd @7pm. Come and see a demonstration by Jane Blogg on how to create a Spring floral arrangement. All are welcome.

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.

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.

FREE TIME??? Please help by being a **"HOST"** during the Collier Street 24th Annual Silent Auction **May 2, 3, and 4**. This job is not difficult. All you have to do is greet people and help with the bid process (which will be explained to you). If interested contact Deb Tyler 705-7228538 or Sally Murray 705-7263804. Signup sheet is in the foyer.

WHITE HELMETS PRESENTATION - will be on **April 7th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm** at Collier. Please join our Syrian family and Collier's Refugee Sponsorship Committee in welcoming Majd Kahlaf, Liaison Officer for the White Helmets, as he presents the rescue operations of the White Helmets - a group of search and rescue volunteers who save lives and bring hope to war-torn Syrian communities. Contact robin_milani@yahoo.ca.

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be April 14, 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 and Joyce Moore.

Collier Street United Church now accepts debit and credit cards. We also accept online donations on our website!

...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Hewitt T. Holmes – Minister of Worship, Congregational Care and Leadership hholmes@collierunited.ca

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Bryon will be away March 27th and 28th.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 6 – Joyce Moore, Mabel Peyer, Leona Appleby, Dorothy Ramsay, Elisabeth Weber, Marilyn King, Betty Hunter, Dan Riordan, Brian Young.*

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.

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS – Brittney Cooke(Mar. 25), Audrey Eddy, Lori Stephens(Mar. 26), Daley Byles, Tom Foster, Sandra Trumble(Mar. 27), Carol Ann Bainbridge(Mar. 29), Jessica Lee(Mar. 30), Monica McArthur(Mar. 31).

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

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Following the service, we are in need of volunteers to distribute the flowers to those who are ill and/or shut in. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of a plant in honour of, or in memory of a loved one – please complete the form below, tear off & return with your money to the office no later than **Monday, April 15th, 2019**

Name: _____

Env.#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Amount:** _____

In Memory of: _____