

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th. Sunday of Lent, March 31st. 2019 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Scarlett Wu, Tomas Salathiel

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!**

GATHERING WORDS:

God is calling us this morning!

Calling us to worship, friendship and praise.

Calling us to listen and respond.

Calling us to confess and forgive.

Calling us to celebrate, and follow Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross!

(Prayers to Share – Year C – David Sparks)

***HYMN:** VU#112 “O God, How We Have Wandered”

LANCASHIRE

- 1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.**

- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

- 3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,**

**compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

PRAYER

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)**

SILENCE

WE HEAR THE WORD

HYMN: This Little Light of Mine

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

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel, No, I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No, I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
I won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Repeat verse one.

BIBLE READINGS: Psalm 32

Derryl Johnston

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

CHOIR

SERMON: "Prayer of Forgiveness"*Hewitt Holmes***OFFERING & PRAYER*****HYMN:** VU#333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

OFFERING AND CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "Lead Me to the Cross" BROOKE LIGERTWOOD

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

*Offering Prayer

HYMN: VU#376 "Spirit of the Living God" (v.2) LIVING GOD

**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!**

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.

WE JOURNEY IN COMMUNITY

***COMMISSIONING:**

Go into the community to respond to the love of God!

We will trust unflinchingly, we will forgive willingly,

We will listen deeply, we will share generously,

We will resist temptation confidently, we will repent wholeheartedly,

We will celebrate joyfully, we will respond to Jesus daily.

Go with God, Christ and the Spirit to be a blessing! **Amen.**

(Prayers to Share – Year C – David Sparks)

***HYMN:** VU#635 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" ALL THE WAY

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;

what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt his tender mercy

who through life has been my guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,

here by faith in him to dwell,

for I know, whate'er befall me,

Jesus doeth all things well.

**2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!**

**3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

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: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S Bach

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WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 1 – Peter Magill, Joan Fairbarn, Sue & Doug Edwards, Marnie & Phil Neale,*

Steve & Susan Carrod, Frank & Sharon Crossley.

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 – Madelyn Crawford, John McLaurin, Benjamin McDermott(Apr. 2), Abbey Hambrook-Meeks, Ben Soderberg(Apr. 3), Karen Byles, Millie Hesketh(Apr. 4), Audrey Wass(Apr. 5), Trevor Neale, Bev Stockdale, Lauren Watson, Parker Hartwick(Apr. 6).

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"

Apr 7 th	Isaiah 43:16-21	<i>The Ministry: Old & New</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Apr 14 th	Luke 23:1-49	The Reasons for the Journey	Hewitt Holmes

...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., Apr. 1 – Lk. 6:27-49	Tues., Apr. 2 - Lk. 7:1-30
Wed. Apr. 3 - Lk. 7:31-50	Thurs., Lk. 4 – Lk 8:1-25
Fri., Apr. 5 – Lk. 8:26-56	Sat., Apr. 6 – Lk. 9:1-17

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

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

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.

WO-HE-LO – April 10TH @ 2PM. Come and enjoy a meeting of fellowship and fun. Coordinators are Jennifer Valance & Pat Edwards.

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.

NEW MEMBERS – On Sunday, April 28th, we will receive person(s) in full membership of Collier Street and by extension the United Church of

Canada. Hewitt will be having a preparation meeting on April 10th 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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wednesday, **April 21st @12:00pm**. Tickets will be on sale Sunday the 10th & 17th. Our guest speaker will be Janice Skot CEO at RVH. Tickets are \$13.00.

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be May 19, 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!



Don't forget about the:
24th Annual Silent Auction
May 2, 3 and 4

If you (or someone you know) have items bring them in!

Furniture • Gift Certificates • Art

China • Books • Toys

Sporting Goods

Donations should have a value of at least \$20.00

For larger items please call

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Collier thanks you for your kindness

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: _____