

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12th Sunday of Pentecost, September 1st, 2019 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "The Prayer" & "You Raise Me Up" Laura McClure

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND*:

As we begin this worship, we acknowledge this land on which Collier Street United Church exists for thousands of years has been the traditional land of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek First Nations – Treaty 16.

Today, this land is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to share this land.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST'S CANDLE

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 Lord gives strength and peace. The peace of God be with you.

And with you also! *(Sharing of signs of peace with others)*

GATHERING WORDS:

Sing aloud to God our strength!

Sing the story of our faith.

Sing of God's providential care:

water in the desert, honey from a rock.

Sing of God's sorrow at our wandering!

Sing of God's love that calls us anew.

Sing aloud to God our strength! *(2019, The Abingdon
Worship Annual edited by Mary J. Scifres)*

***HYMN:** VU#227 "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you meet us at every place along the highway of life.
**You meet us at life's beginning – smiling, gurgling,
and vulnerable.**

You meet us as children, growing and exploring, yet laughing and teasing as we go.

**You meet us as young adults, finding our feet,
maturing and searching for values.**

You meet us as parents, with all the responsibilities, joy and frustration that comes with parenthood.

**You meet us in the summer day, with wisdom, yet
with increasing infirmity.**

You meet us, O God, at every stage of life, for you are a trusted and sustaining presence.

**Yet we know you remain always ahead of us – the
source of hope and the essence of eternity. Praise be
to your name, Living God, Parent of Jesus! Amen.**

(Prayers to Share – Year C – David Sparks)

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (sung to tune VU, pg. 960) ADAPT FROM CHANT BY R. LANGDON

SILENCE

***HYMN:** Praise God, Praise God, All Ye Little Children

**1. Praise God, praise God, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise God, praise God, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.**

**2 Love God, love God, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Love God, love God, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.**

3 Thank God, thank God, all ye little children,

**God is love, God is love;
Thank God, thank God, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.**

WE GROW AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BIBLE READING: Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Larry Murray

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!
¹⁰ I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. ¹¹ "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. ¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. ¹³ "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, ¹⁴ how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! ¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. ¹⁶ But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Blessed Assurance" F. CROSBY

SERMON: "The Song" *Hewitt Holmes*

WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION:

In the ups and downs of life, you are with us, Holy Love,
**When life is going well and we are happy, you
celebrate with us ...silence...**

When life is tough and we are on our own, you stay with us,
**You are with us in those moments of despair and
disappointment ...silence...**

You are with us in the joyful company of family and friends,

When illness comes from nowhere, you will not leave us ...silence...

And when recovery comes slowly but surely, you are with us for the long haul,

Ever-present God, you are our companion. You will never leave us or give up on us ...silence...

(Prayers to Share – Year C – David Sparks)

***HYMN:** VU#289 “It Only Takes a Spark”

PASS IT ON

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.**

- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees
are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**

- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where
you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "Panis Angelicus"

C. Franck

*Offering Response: VU#541 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*Offering Prayer

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

***HYMN:** VU#646 "We Are Marching"

SIYAHAMBA

**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.**

***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 God 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 reaching out in love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Martial Air"

H. Purcell

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...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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Bryon will be away September 17-20.

The office will be closed tomorrow Sept. 2, 2019.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: Team 5 Lynn Dolmage, Jane Craig, Sandra Roush, 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. Today, we say goodbye to Laura McClure, our substitute organist. Thanks for sharing your music with us at Collier.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARIES – Frank & Pat Best Sept. 4th, Scott & Vickie McMillan Sept. 5th.



BIRTHDAYS – Murray Minshall(Sep. 2), Dan McArthur(Sep. 3), Ava Domjanic, Samuel Greer, Samantha Johnson-Phillips(Sep. 5) Dave Lord(Sep. 6), Marnie Neale(Sep. 7), Sharon Crossley, Shelley Wright, Fred Harris(Sep. 8).

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

WHY *ACKNOWLEDGE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY?

In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009, encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada.

We acknowledge the land and the peoples who have traditionally called it home. We do so to continue to live out the church's Apologies to the First Peoples of North America and supports our call to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is one of the ways we continue the work of right relations between indigenous people and others.

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

AV TEAM EXPANDING! - Get in on the ground floor of the most interesting committee in the church. With our new AV equipment, we're

expanding our team. Full training will be provided. Please contact Terry Tizzard - t_tizzard@yahoo.com or 705 726 3647 or drop by the A/V booth on Sunday.

AMICAE UCW - Wednesday **September 4th**. - Please join us at 7:00pm. in the lounge to get reacquainted with our UCW friends and to start to plan for the upcoming "year". Come and share your "summer" stories. All are welcome. Please contact Susan Storing @ 705-737-5436.

CHOIR REHEARSAL – resumes after the summer break on **September 5th**, 7pm-9pm at the church.

COLLIER'S KIDS VOLUNTEERS Help need immediately to teach and stay with children during Collier's Kids on Sundays in M5 and the Loft. Feel free to talk to Hewitt before or on **September 8th**.

PARKING LOT INFORMATION SESSION – **Sept. 8th**, immediately after Church to hear the feedback of the Property Committee.

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS are on summer break. We will resume September 8.

WOHELO UCW will be holding their meeting on Wed. **Sept 11th** at 2p.m.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wednesday, **September 18th** @ 12:00pm. Tickets will be on sale Sunday the 1st, 8th & 15th. Our guest speaker will be Jennifer Lehman. Tickets are \$13.00.

ORANGE SUNDAY – The United Church of Canada celebrates **September 30** as Orange Shirt Day this year. We invite you to wear orange on **Sept. 29th** to remember and honour all the Indigenous

children who went to Residential School and those who died at School. We wear orange to show compassion.

NEW MEMBERS – On Sunday, **September 29th**, 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 **Sept. 16th** 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.

THE LINK- The next publication of the LINK will be **Sept. 22nd** . The deadline for submissions is the **15th of Sept.** We welcome articles and photos of any church happenings. Please email Vickie at officeadmin@collierunited.ca or leave items in her mailbox.

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, Carol Warnica & Steve Tilleczek.

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

September: "The Messages of the Psalms."			
Sept. 8	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	The Saying	Hewitt Holmes
Sept. 15	Psalm 14	The Covenant	Hewitt Holmes
Sept. 22	Psalm 79:1-9	The Salvation	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., Sept. 2 – 1 Cor. 13

Wed. Sept. 4 – 1 Cor. 14:21-40

Fri., Sept. 6 – 1 Cor. 15:29-58

Tues., Sept. 3 – 1 Cor. 14:1-20

Thurs., Sept. 5 – 1 Cor. 15:1-28

Sat., Sept. 7 – 1 Cor. 16

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation.

...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".

Collier's Activities – Week of Sunday, September 1st, 2019

SUNDAY

10:15am Nursery - M6/7

10:30am Worship –
Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Amicae UCW -
Lounge

THURSDAY

9:30am Women's Bible Study
- Lounge

6:00pm Rainbows – L1, Foyer
7:00pm Choir – M2, Sanctuary

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2:00pm Celebration of Life
David King - Hall

4:00pm Wedding - Sanctuary

