

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany of Jesus Christ, January 5th, 2020 – 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:

Sharon Saint

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ACKNOWLEDGING OF THE LAND:

Collier Street United Church acknowledges that long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here. We know these First Nations peoples were Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek, who made Treaty 16 possible.

Today, as a community of faith, we seek to be good stewards and give thanks for this land and our commitment to live in right relations with all peoples.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Arise, your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey;

show forth the glory of your God,

which shines on you today.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you. Share the light and life that Christ gives to us as we pass the peace of Christ with each other.

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome this new year as the time of God's presence.
Our Creator offers us a new heaven and new earth.

This is the season of rebirth of our best.

God has gifted us with new opportunities.

God is making all things new.

God is mindful of our needs and our strengths.

This is the day to give thanks and praise to God.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

***HYMN:** VU#806 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"^(vv. 1, 3-4) ST ANNE

**1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Hewitt Holmes

SILENT REFLECTIONS

SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" CARIBBEAN

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE GROW AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: MV#30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"(vv. 1-2)

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 call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, Refrain**

BIBLE READINGS: Mark 16:1-8 & Matthew 3:13-17 Richard Moffat

¹⁶ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women

went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Nunc Dimittis"

CHOIR

SERMON: "The Power to Rise Again"

Hewitt Holmes

WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN:** "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

FORNESS

Rise up, O saints of God!

From vain ambitions turn;

**Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

Speak out, O saints of God!

Despair engulfs earth's frame;

**as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!**

OFFERING INVITATION

For everything there is a season. Always there is occasion for gratitude. One expression of our thanks to God is this time of tangible sharing. **We give that God's will may be more fully realized as we dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward meeting others in their time of need.**

(Lavon Baylor – Taught By Love – Worship Resources – Year A)

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music:

Sharon Saint

*Offering Response: VU#542 "We Give You But Thine Own" FRANCONIA

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully. [VU# 542]**

*Offering Prayer

HYMN: MV#13 "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

**1. O let the power fall on me, my Lord,
let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
let the power fall on me.**

**2. For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love;
for we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love.**

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer - spoken – 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.

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

***HYMN:** VU#639 "One More Step Along the World I Go" SOUTHCOTE

**1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

**3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R**

**5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

***BENEDICTION & CLOSING 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.**¹

POSTLUDE:

Sharon Saint

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Hewitt will be away from February 1- 28, 2020.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: Team 5 –Lynn Dolmage, Jane Craig, Sandra Roush, Andrew Domashus, Barb Bassett, Nancy Clark.

HEARING ASSISTANTS 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.



MILESTONES BIRTHDAYS – Yvonne Azevedo, Arlene Milward, Andy Domashus, Anne Edwards, Larissa Strath(Jan. 5), David Johnston(Jan. 6), Edna Ruttan(Jan. 7),

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

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – **Wed., Jan. 15th at 12pm.** Our guest speaker will be Tickets are \$13.00 and are on sale Sundays and in the office during the week.

POTLUCK AT COLLIER – **See you on Sat. Jan. 11, 2020** for a Potluck dinner at Collier, hosted by Leona Appleby. Let Leona know if you can make it out and bring your friends.

JANUARY 2020 – WEDNESDAY OFFICE HOURS – The Administrator will be unavailable but in the building on Wednesdays, from January 8th. The best way to connect is by telephone message or email. Thanks for your patience and understanding (M & P).

SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Would you like to serve on our team of supporting leaders starting May 2020? If you do, talk with Sharon Crossley about the 5-7 people needed for the Session, Lianne Patterson about the 3-4 people needed on the Official Board and Marg Valad about 2 people as Trustees.

PRAYER MINISTRY – *As you pray this week of January 2020, please pray for the following families of the Collier family: Acres, Adams, Aiken, Aitken, Ambridge, Ames, Andrunyk, Appleby, Arnold, Azevedo, Babb, Bainbridge, Bassett, Bastian, Battaglia, Baxter, Beard and Beaton. Also pray for the City of Barrie and Shining Waters Regional Council of the United Church of Canada.*

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 & Steve Tilleczek.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL - *January 14 at 12 – 1 pm. Come with your prayer requests and prayers.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BOOKLET – We are ready to capture the happenings of 2019 in our AGM booklet. Please submit your articles to Vickie by January 17 via email at officeadmin@collierunited.ca. We are hoping to have the booklet ready for end of month. Thanks much.

LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHESES – *The Prayer of Jesus is the focus of this year's Lenten series starting Tuesday March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and*

April 7! 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, soup and sandwiches. We look forward to your support as we work together to make the Lenten series meaningful for Collier and the community!

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

January: "The Power to ..."			
Jan. 12	Acts 4:32-35 & Matthew 3:13-17	<i>The Power to Belong</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Jan. 19	Acts 16:1-5	<i>The Power to Make A Difference</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Jan. 26	Luke 24:44-53	<i>The Power to Look Up</i>	Hewitt Holmes

...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 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., Jan. 6 – Mt. 5:27-48

Tues., Jan. 7 – Mt. 6:1-18

Wed. Jan. 8 – Mt. 6:19-34

Thurs., Jan. 9 – Mt. 7

Fri., Jan. 10 – Mt. 8:1-17

Sat., Jan. 11 – Mt. 8:18-34

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be January 26, 2020, after morning's worship.

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