



ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Epiphany, February 2nd, 2020 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able - ^Invites you to look at the screen

You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Brian Frawley

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

(Sung response – This little light of mine)

**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.**

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:

One: Do you really not know...

All: that he is God of all in the heavens and on the earth?

One: Have you really not heard...

All: how she has brought princes to naught and oppressors to their knees?

One: Haven't you already been told...

All: that you're counted among the stars, and that you matter?

One: Do you not know, have you not heard?

All: We come to learn, we come for our strength to be renewed, we come in hope.

***HYMN:** MV#18 "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" THOMPSON

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator God, you who have called forth each star by name, we are in your presence this hour. We come before you acknowledging and celebrating the journeys of our Black siblings and cousins far and wide.

We come knowing that these journeys have been met with much strife and pain, and although there have been triumphs along the way, the pain and brokenness of oppression lingers yet.

But we come celebrating a people whom you have infused with a boundless faith, and whose hope in you has manifested into renewable strength and fortitude.

And so we come, Creator God. Guide our worship this hour. May we not grow weary but soar on eagle's wings as one people, bound together in your love. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we know how easy it is for us to forget who you are. It is easy for us to claim ignorance of your power and your love. It is so easy for us point fingers at others and forget our own roles in contributing to an unfair and unjust world. It is easy for us to block the images of oppression on television and on social media. Forgive our disregard, O God. Open all the closed corners of our minds that they may be opened to the reality of injustice all around us. Resensitize us unto our human selves so that we can be appropriately appalled and pained at violence and oppression. Reconcile us to each other as one. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

Know this and receive this: The Lord gives strength to the weary, and mercy to the sorrowful. If you hope in the Lord you shall not stumble or faint, but be lifted up on eagle's wings. Amen.

(Charmain Bailey Foutner, Bedford United Church, Windsor, ON).

WE GROW AS WE PONDER THE STORY

SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" x2
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

^BIBLE READINGS: Micah 6:1-8

Robin Milani

6 Listen to what the LORD says: "Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ²"Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³"² people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

⁵My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "My Lord, What a Morning"

COLLIER CHOIR

SERMON: "What You Talking 'Bout God?"

Marlene Britton

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***HYMN:** VU# 575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

^OFFERING INVITATION:

For everything there is a season. Always there is an 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 for Year A)

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music:

Brian Frawley

*Offering Response: MV#191 "What Can I Do?"

RUMBOLDT

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*Offering Prayer:

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#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.**
- 2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)**

**Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,
oo-oo, (hamba,
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

***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:

Brian Frawley

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Hewitt will be away from February 1- 29, 2020.

Vickie will be away from February 10- 13, 2020.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

BUILDING HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 3 –Joyce Moore, Barb Hake, Ria Won, Linda Wallis Dean, John Boer, Joan Bell, Gord Etter, Mark Tims.*

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 welcome back Brian Frawley as guest organist.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL - *March 10 at 12 – 1 pm. Come with your prayer requests and prayers.*

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

AMICAE UCW meet **Feb. 5th at 7:00pm** in the lounge. The topic will be based on Black History month. All are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wed., Feb. 19th at 12pm. Our guest speaker will be Andrea Cameron from the VON. Topic is Healthy Aging. Tickets \$13.00 and are on sale Sundays and in the office during the week

SPRING VENDOR MARKETPLACE on Sat. April 4th- looking for vendors to sell crafts, jewelry, baked goods, Tupperware, pottery, clothing, kitchenware etc. Contact Terry Oram – CollierUnitedUCW@bell.net or call 705-627-1833

COLLIER MISSION - In February, we will be donating to ***Youth Haven Barrie***. In January, Collier Mission raised \$797.33 for Doctors Without Borders.

COLLIER CHOIR is seeking individuals from 14 to 94 years young to join the choir. Choir Practice is Thursday nights from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Sunday morning choir call 9:30 am, church service 10:30 am. We welcome Guest Vocalists any Sunday. Drop in any Thursday and join us for the evening. Looking for someone that could volunteer to teach guitar to a small group, or if you know someone that could give a couple of hours per week. interested speak with Sharon Saint after service.

DONATIONS - Collier is collecting new ***underwear, gloves and mitts*** for people in need in our Shelters in the City. We have a big red box in the lobby, feel free to bring your items and place in the box. Thanks for being a good steward. Dave Johnston

PRAYER MINISTRY – *As you pray this week of January 2020, please pray for the following families of the Collier family: Daeredinger, Deakins, Dean, Dearham, deJong, Dewsnap, Dickinson, Dillard, Dolmage, Dolson-Critchley, Domashus, Domjanic, Dooley, Dorsch, Douglas. Also pray for the Shelters in Barrie.*

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, Steve Tilleczeck, Gerard Vansaarloos.

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL BOOKLET & MEETING – We are hoping to have the 2019 booklet ready for end of month. The meeting will be March 8, immediately after worship in the Gym. Lunch will be provided.

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!*

LENTEN LUNCH- We are opening our doors to the community for Lenten Services , and, once again, will be offering a weekly luncheon. Your help is needed. A list of the needs has been posted on the Bulletin Board. Please give this your attention and respond as generously as you always do!

FOOD BANK ITEMS - *Please remember to bring items for the Foodbank and place in the bins. We are reminding persons to check the expiry date. Thanks again for your kindness.*

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

February - Black History Month

Feb. 9	Matthew 5:13-20	“Of salt and Light”	Marlene Britton
Feb. 16	Jude 24-25	On Our Way Singing	Japhet Ndhlovu
Feb. 23	1 Cor. 13	“The Transformative Power of Love”	Japhet Ndhlovu

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., Feb. – Mt. 22:1-22
 Feb. 5 – Mt. 23:1-22
 Fri., Feb. 7 – Mt. 24:1-28

Tues., Feb. 4 – Mt. 22:23-46
 Wed. Thurs., Feb. 6 – Mt. 23:23-39
 Sat., Feb. 8 – Mt. 24:29-51

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be April 19, 2020, after morning's worship.

Collier's Activities – Week of Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

<p>SUNDAY 9:15am Friendship Bible - Chapel 10:15am Nursery - M6/7 10:30am Worship – Sanctuary 10:45am Colliers Kids – M5</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Amicae UCW - Lounge THURSDAY 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Sanctuary, M2</p>
<p>MONDAY 6:45pm Jesus Walk - Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>SATURDAY</p>

MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS - J.T. Crosson(Feb. 4), Jennifer Saunders, Irene Tosh(Feb. 6), Jack McAdam(Feb. 7).

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

“History is written by the victors” goes the old adage. Though there is some truth to the statement, it isn’t entirely accurate. The Hebrew exodus and the resurrection of Jesus are stories from the margins.

As a church, we observe Black History Month every February because we remember that the gospel that has shaped our identity is a message from the margins; it is history written by the oppressed. During Black History Month, the population is given the opportunity to hear about Black Canadians like Anderson Ruffin Abbott, the first Black Canadian to be licensed as a physician. Abbott had petitioned US President Abraham Lincoln to allow him to join the Union Army during the American Civil War and developed a relationship with Lincoln. He was later honored to receive the plaid shawl Lincoln wore at his 1861 inauguration as an expression of gratitude from Mary Todd Lincoln, after her husband’s assassination.

During Black History Month, we remember the stories of women like Marie-Joseph Angélique, who was accused of starting a fire that destroyed all of, what is now, Old Montreal on April 10, 1734 (before the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1833). There is no consensus on whether Angélique started the fire or was accused of it due to her social conditions.

During Black History Month, we remember the struggles, contributions, and achievements of Black Canadians, knowing that the more these stories are shared, the more we will come to know one another. For more on Black History Month see www.united-church.ca/worship

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