



ORDER OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Epiphany, February 16th, 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:

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 (Japhet Ndhlovu to read the words)

Fire, In this room, in this context it is safe

It is one flame on a candle

Fire can warm & protect ... is not always safe

Fire can terrify & destroy

Fire can be used for good & ill

As we gaze upon this flame we see the light of Christ (light the candle)

We must also see the gift & responsibility of being Christ in this world

We are not always called to be a safe, single flame

We may be a warming fire that draws people in

We may be a cooking fire that nourishes

We may be a cleansing fire that burns away the chaff

We may be the raging fire that burns all in it's path

What kind of fire are you called to be?

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^GATHERING WORDS:

Call to Worship: *(responsive)*

God calls us into darkness

We long to find a way

God calls us into the wilderness

We long to find a way

God calls us down from our lofty places

We long to find a way

We follow; we follow in the dark, in the wilderness,
from the mountain onto the plain

**There we find comfort, there we find peace,
and there we find healing,**

So, let us find comfort, peace and healing together

Let us worship God.

***HYMN:** MV#140 "As Long As We Follow"

KAMEMBA

**1. As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
we know God's reign will surely come.**

**As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
we know God's reign will surely come.**

Refrain

We know this, we know this.

Yes, God's reign will surely come.

**2. As long as we hope there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.**

**As long as we hope there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe. (Refrain)**

**3. As long as we pray there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.**

**As long as we pray there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe. (Refrain)**

**4. As long as we act there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.**

**As long as we act there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe. (Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER: (spoken together)

inspired by Matthew 5:43-48

Holy Jesus,

**You call us into a life that others have told us
is easy, but it is not.**

**You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies,
to bless those who curse us.**

**We want the easy way,
but You have given us the hard path.**

**Grant us the patience and endurance
to journey with You,
to allow ourselves at times to stumble,
to live into the hard way
so that we might fully experience
Your love, grace and peace in this world,
by becoming a people full of love and grace
and forgiving others.
In Your name we pray. Amen.**

^THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer – sung) (*VU, pg. 959*)
**Our Father(Creator) in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

WE GROW AS WE PONDER THE STORY

SUNG RESPONSE: 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'.**

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.

***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!**

^BIBLE READINGS: Jude 24-25 Richard Moffat
²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" COLLIER CHOIR

SERMON: "On Our Way Singing" *Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

^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.

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music:

John Charles

*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:

PASTORAL PRAYERS

^RESPONSE: (Kumbaya)

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

***HYMN:** VU#509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM, LORD

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,

**I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R**

COMMISSIONING

***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:

John Charles

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...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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Hewitt will be away from February 1- 28, 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 John Charles as guest organist & Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu as guest preacher.

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

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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***, which provides programs and services to Barrie's vulnerable youth. 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.

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 – The 2019 booklets are available in the lobby. 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.*

February - Black History Month

Feb. 23 1 Cor. 13 "The Transformative Power of Love" Japhet Ndhlovu

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

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. 17 – Mt. 28

Wed. Feb. 19 – Mk. 1:23-45

Fri., Feb. 21 – Mk. 3

Tues., Feb. 18 – Mk. 1:1-22

Thurs., Feb. 20 – Mk. 2

Sat., Feb. 22 – Mk. 4:1-20

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 16th, 2020

SUNDAY 9:15am Friendship Bible - Chapel 10:15am Nursery - M6/7 10:30am Worship – Sanctuary 10:45am Colliers Kids – M5	WEDNESDAY THURSDAY 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Sanctuary, M2
MONDAY CLOSED FAMILY DAY TUESDAY 7:00pm Silent Auction – U10	FRIDAY SATURDAY



MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS - Cindy Karwacki(Feb. 17), Judy Robertson(Feb. 18), Vickie McMillan(Feb. 20), Jennifer Dolmage(Feb. 21), Frank Boddy, Paul Thwaites(Feb. 23).

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"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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