

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Epiphany, February 23rd, 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

(Sung response – VU# 87 – I Am the Light of the World(v. 1)

'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.**

***FLAG PROCESSIONAL**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^GATHERING WORDS:

Call to Worship: (*responsive*)

God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.

Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.

So God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating.

God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.

God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

Grateful for God's loving action,

We cannot keep from singing.

***HYMN:** VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Made in the image of God,

we yearn for the fulfillment that is life in God.

Yet we choose to turn away from God.

We surrender ourselves to sin, a disposition revealed in selfishness, cowardice, or apathy.

Becoming bound and complacent in a web of false desires and wrong choices, we bring harm to ourselves and others.

This brokenness in human life and community is an outcome of sin.

Sin is not only personal but accumulates to become habitual and systemic forms of injustice, violence, and hatred.

We are all touched by this brokenness: the rise of selfish individualism that erodes human solidarity; the concentration of wealth and power without regard for the needs of all; the toxins of religious and ethnic bigotry; the

**degradation of the blessedness of human bodies
and human passions through sexual exploitation; the
delusion of unchecked progress and limitless growth that
threatens our home, the earth; the covert despair that lulls
many into numb complicity
with empires and systems of domination.
We sing lament and repentance.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE GROW AS WE PONDER THE STORY

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.

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

BADEN-POWELL CEREMONY

GUIDING DEMONSTRATION

***HYMN:** VU# 365 "Jesus Loves Me" JESUS LOVES ME
Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

^BIBLE READING: 1 Cor. 13 Joyce Moore
*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Were You There On That Christmas Night"
COLLIER CHOIR

SERMON: "The Transformative Power of Love"

Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu

***HYMN:** VU#589 "Lord, Speak to Me"

WINSCOTT

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music: Noël Angevin - César Franck

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: MV#170 "Ubi Caritas"(Where There Is Charity)

TAIZE

**Where there is charity, selfless love,
where there is charity, God is truly there.**

^THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*VU, pg. 960*)

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#333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

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: Epilogue on "Dix" - William H. Harris 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 February 24, 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 6—Joyce Moore, Mabel Peyer, Leona Appleby, Marilyn King, Betty Hunter, Dan Riordan.

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

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; Foster, Fraser, Frederick, Galbraith, Genge, George, Gibbins, Gibson, Gilchrist, Giles, Giller, Givens, Godard, Goldie, Gow, Graham, Green, Greer, Gregan. 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 booklet 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.*

Today's service is being video recorded. The recording is uploaded to YouTube with a link from our website, collierunited.ca. If you miss a service, you are now able to view it from the comfort of your home.

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

March

Mar. 1	Ezekiel 37:1-10	"The Problem of Dry Bones"	Hewitt Holmes
Mar. 8	Ruth 1:1-8, 16-18	"The Problem of Grief"	Hewitt Holmes
Mar. 15	Amos 5:18-24	"The Problem Of Justice"	Hewitt Holmes
Mar. 22	Esther 4:11-17	"The Problem of Opportunity"	Hewitt Holmes

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. 24 – Mk. 5:1-20
Feb. 26 – Mk. 6:1-29
Fri., Feb. 28 – Mk. 7:1-13

Tues., Feb. 25 – Mk. 5:21-43
Wed.
Thurs., Feb. 27 – Mk. 6:30-56
Sat., Feb. 29 –

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 23rd, 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 5:30pm UCW Italian Night Dinner - Hall</p> <p>THURSDAY 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Sanctuary, M2</p>
<p>MONDAY</p> <p>TUESDAY 9:30am Prayer Shawl - Lounge</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>SATURDAY</p>

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS - John Byles(Feb. 24), Dianne Latimer(Feb. 24), Trix Spaans(Feb. 27), Bob Mayes, Rachel Rutkauskas(Feb. 28).

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

You might already be doing this:



But don't forget about the:

25th Annual Silent Auction **April 23, 24 and 25**

If you (or someone you know) have items
bring them in before April 15!

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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