



2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH
112 COLLIER STREET,
BARRIE, ON L4M 1H3,
CANADA

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd. Sunday of Lent, March 8th. 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 & INTROIT:

Sharon Saint

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Sung response – VU# 87 – I am the Light of the World (chorus))

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace before us, Peace behind us, Peace within us, Peace under our feet. The peace of God in Christ be with you. **And with you also!** (*Sharing of signs of peace with others*)

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather as a people for whom faith matters.

O God, deepen our faith.

We gather as a people rejoicing in memory of past year.

O God, hallow our tradition.

We gather as a people committed to the Church.

O God, give us joy in serving Jesus Christ.

We gather as a people who proclaim the Good News.

In Word and deed, your justice and compassion shine out, O God.

***HYMN:** VU#327 "All Praise to Thee" (vv. 1, 4- 5)

SINE NOMINE

**1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

**4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:**

hallelujah; hallelujah!

**5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

^PRAYER

Hewitt Holmes

O God, give us spiritual rebirth in the season of lent.

**As we read the Word and receive inspiration, there is
joy.**

**As we encounter the saints and follow their example,
we take courage. (Silence)**

**As we feel support in community and give of our
talents, our faith comes alive.**

**As we reflect on Jesus Christ, and renew our
commitment, we know peace, in your name we pray –
Amen.**

(Lavan Baylor – Taught By Love – Year A)

WE GROW IN THE FAITH

SILENCE

^BIBLE READINGS: Ruth 1:1-8, 16-18

Rob Murdock

¹ In the days when the judges ruled,[a] there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. ³ Now

Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years,⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

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

REFLECTION: "Ruth: The Problem of Grief"

Hewitt Holmes

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN:** VU#436 "Abide With Me" (vv. 1, 4-5)

EVENTIDE

**1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

4 I have no fear with you at hand to bless;

**ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.**

**5 Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

^INVITATION TO OFFERING:

We give, not to impress others or to reap rewards for ourselves,
but to share the joy we know in loving God and serving as
disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our sacrifices of thanksgiving go beyond what we
place on the alter.**

**God asks us to give ourselves full in faithful, loving
service to humanity.**

(Lavan Baylor – Taught By Love – Year A)

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music: Voluntary in G -- John Worgan

John Charles

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

**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:

New life is your gift to us, O God; may these gifts bring new life.

**Hope to the despairing,
Confidence to the faltering,
Peace to the suffering,
Faith to the doubting,**

**A Word to the questioning,
A light for the dying.**

Bless these our gifts, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, your blessing for us. Amen!

(Lavan Baylor – Taught By Love – Year A)

PASTORAL PRAYERS

^THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(spoken, 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#703 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**
- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;**

**what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Kyrie -- François Couperin

John Charles

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

***CLOSING SONG:** "You Shall Go Out With Joy" TREES OF THE FIELD
**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the
mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be
shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field will clap
their hands, (clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their
hands, (clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their
hands (clap, clap) while you go out with joy.**

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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 2 –Marg Valad, Terry Tizzard, Mary Kay Marshall, Donna Martin,

Rob Murdock, Maureen Attwell Murdock, Robin Milani

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!

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.

...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.

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 FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

JESUS WALK needs a pianist, if you can help us out please contact Sharon Moir at 705-796-2233. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Please, we are appealing to any pianists out there. We thank Mollie Millar for sharing her talent with us in recent times.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wed., Mar. 18th 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 - March is Samaritan's Purse Canada which takes its name from the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. They provide assistance, for hurting people regardless of their religious faith, race, gender or socio-economic standing. In Feb. \$652.16 was raised for Youth Haven. Thank you.

PRAYER MINISTRY – *As you pray this week of January 2020, please pray for the following families of the Collier family: Hilfman, Hodgins, Hodgkinson, Hodgson, Holmes, Holt, Honey, Hosaka, Howell, Hunter, Hurd, Inch, Irvin, Jay, Jermey, Johnson, Johnston, Karwacki, Kent, Khoosbabe, King, Knox, Laking. 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, Agnes Groves, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Ruby Johnston, Steve Tilleczek, Gerard Vansaarloos, Carol Warnica, Howard Shantz.

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

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL BOOKLET & MEETING – The 2019 booklet is available in the lobby. The meeting is today, immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided.



MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS - Ruth Reesor(Mar. 8), Amanda Johnston, Doug Moir, Chris Tarrant, Tom Van Natter(Mar. 9), Megan Durkin, Fran Foster(Mar. 11), Craig Hagerman, Dorothy Schonewille, Carol McPherson(Mar. 12), Dorothy Little(Mar. 14).

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

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.

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

March – "God is still Speaking!"

March 15	Amos 5:18-24	Amos: The Problem of Justice	Hewitt Holmes
March 22	Esther 4:11-17	Esther: The Problem of Opportunity	Hewitt Holmes
March 29	Daniel 6:10-16	Daniel: The Problem of Power	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., Mar. 9 – Mk. 11:19-33	Tues., Mar. 10 – Mk. 12:1-27
Wed. Mar. 11 – Mk. 12:28-44	Thurs., Mar. 12 – Mk. 13:1-20
Fri., Mar. 13 – Mk. 13:21-37	Sat., Mar. 14 – Mk. 14:1-26

Collier's Activities – Week of Sunday, March 8th, 2020

<p>SUNDAY 9:15am Friendship Bible - Chapel 10:15am Nursery - M6/7 10:30am Worship – Hall 10:45am Colliers Kids – M5 12:00pm AGM - Hall</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 8:30am Barrie Lymphocare – M5 2:00pm Wo-He-Lo UCW – Lounge</p> <p>THURSDAY 8:30am Barrie Lymphocare – M5 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Library</p>
<p>MONDAY 8:30am Barrie Lymphocare – M5</p> <p>TUESDAY 8:30am Barrie Lymphocare – M5 9:00am Prayer Shawl - Lounge</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>SATURDAY</p>

2020 LENTEN SERIES & LUNCH

The Prayer of Jesus is the focus of this year's Lenten series Tuesday March 10, Rev. Phil Dallimore will be the speaker. The topic: "Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done..."

Service is at 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!