

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st. Sunday of Lent, March 1st, 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

'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.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^GATHERING WORDS:

We gather in this Lenten journey.

The highway to Jerusalem stretches ahead of us.

**God gives us courage to walk the challenging Lenten
Way with Jesus, the Chosen One.**

At the end of the journey there is a hill and a cross.

**God calls us to wonder at what sacrificial love will do,
and to respond to Christ's love in practical ways.**

(Lavan Baylor – Taught By Love – Year A)

***HYMN:** VU#108 "Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights" WINCHESTER NEW

- 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

- 2 The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

- 5 So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!**

OPENING PRAYER

Hewitt Holmes

SILENCE

^CALL TO TRANSFORMATION:

Spiritual ancestors, like Abraham and Sarah, sensed God's call to leave the security of the familiar to venture forward to new places God would show them,

Others, like Nicodemus, were astonished by Jesus' call to rebirth in the Spirit.

Reminded that the call also comes to us, we bow before God to confess our need for transformation.

(Lavan Baylor – Taught By Love – Year A)

LENTEN PRAYER (VU#110)

**God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,**

**so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.**

^THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*sung, 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 GROW IN THE FAITH

^HYMN: "God Is Always Near Me"

BLISS

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

**God is always near me,
Hearing what I say;
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.**

**God is always near me,
In the darkest night,
He can see me just the same
As by midday light.**

**God is always near me,
Though so young and small;
Not a look, or word, or thought,
But God knows it all.**

^ 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:

John Charles

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

*Offering Prayer

^ BIBLE READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-10

Leona Appleby

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Lead Me Lord"

COLLIER CHOIR

REFLECTION: "Ezekiel: The Problem of Dry Bones"

Hewitt Holmes

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN:** VU#120 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (vv. 1-2, 4) DAY OF REST

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

^THE NEW CREED (VU, pg. 918)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation, Thanksgiving, Institution, Consecration, Re-Enactment
& Distribution*

*(Communion will be served by Intinction. There will be three
stations at the front and one in the balcony. Please follow the
Elders direction in getting to a station. You will eat as you are
served.)*

Communion Hymns: MV# 192 "We Come Now to Your Table"

**We come now to your table Lord,
you are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let ev'ry soul be fed:
And now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread.**

VU# 459 "Hear, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" ST AGNES

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.**
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,**

**giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

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*)

^PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: God for the awesome privilege of being human; for our self-awareness and high spiritual potential, for being made in a likeness to God. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

P: God for the abundance of other life forms, and the extravagant varieties of tree and fern, grass and moss, palm and flower. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

L: God for the ability of communicate with each other; speech and hearing, sight and touch, smile and frown, hug and kiss. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

P: God for outstanding spiritual teachers and seers, artists and poets, for composers and hymn writers, for prophets and mystics. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

L: God for our special Hebrew-Christian story. For the faith that leads from Abraham and Sarah to Jesus and from Jesus to this congregation. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

P: God for the word of Christ still abroad in our lives, confronting us in our evasions, defending us in temptations,

and lifting us up from our downfalls. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy!

L: God for being God: Wisdom utterly beyond us yet for us. Love utterly above us yet beside us. Beauty utterly transcending our capacity but not outside our adoration. Our Loving souls will enjoy our God and be happy! Amen!

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

***HYMN:** VU#356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

LAFFERTY

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

***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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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 1 –Peter Magill, Joan Fairbarn, Marnie & Phil Neale, Sharon Crossley,*

Steve & Susan Carrod, Linda & Paul Fisker

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

AMICAE UCW meet **Mar. 4th at 7:00pm** in the lounge. Paul Fisker will be presenting his butterfly collection. All are welcome.

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: Grieco, Grose, Grosskurth, Groves, Guitard, Sun, Hadden, Hadley, Hagerman, Hake, Hambrook, Hamilton, Harding, Hardy, Harris, Hart, Hekkenberg, Hellman, Henn, Herries, Hesketh. 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.

...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!*

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS - Dan Domjanic, Dave Tillberg(Mar. 1), Jordan Lees, Marion Moffat, Tamara & Peter Rutkauskas(Mar. 2), Claire Dolmage, Naomi Cole(Mar. 3), Bill McGregor(Mar. 4), Carol Duckworth, Robyn McArthur, Better Nykolation, Kinley Broley(Mar. 6), Losi Harris, Brenda Ley(Mar. 7).

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 January 26, 2020, after morning's worship.

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.

March – "God is still Speaking!"

March 8	Ruth 1:1-8, 16-18	Ruth: The Problem of Grief	Hewitt Holmes
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

...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., Mar. 2 – Mk. 8:1-21

Wed. Mar. 4 – Mk. 9:1-29

Fri., Mar. 6 – Mk. 10:1-31

Tues., Mar. 3 – Mk. 8:22-38

Thurs., Mar. 5 – Mk. 9:30-50

Sat., Mar. 7 – Mk. 10:32-52

Collier's Activities – Week of Sunday, March 1st, 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 8:30am Barrie Lymphocare – M5 7:00pm Amicae UCW – Lounge</p> <p>THURSDAY 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Library</p>
<p>MONDAY 6:45pm Jesus Walk - Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>SATURDAY 2:00pm Barrie Concert Band - Sanctuary</p>