

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 15th, 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As Christ shared his peace with us, let us now share the peace with
each other. Peace be with you. **And with you also!** (*Sharing of
signs of peace with others*)

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come together to seek to know God's will and walk in God's
way.

**We journey in the way of faithfulness, trusting in
God's steadfast love.**

We come to worship God in this Lenten Season.

We come to give God thanks and praise!

Turnbull, 1993 – UCC, Year A)

(Laura J.

***HYMN:** VU# 264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

SILENCE

^CALL TO GRACE:

We sing, MV#118, Me Alone!

One:

Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness

Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness

All:

Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness

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Just as our ancestors in the faith quarreled, complained and tested God, we are tempted to do the same. We have hardened our hearts and turned away from the Source of Life. Yet, God comes to us with reconciling grace.

(Lavon Bayler, Taught By Love – Year A)

PRAYER OF GRACE & ASSURANCE OF LOVE

^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

^BIBLE READINGS: Amos 5:18-24

Robin Milani

¹⁸ Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light— pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹ “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise of

your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" COLLIER CHOIR

THE MESSAGE: "Amos: The Problem of Justice" *Hewitt Holmes*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

QUIT REFLECTIONS

***HYMN:** VU#143 "My Song is Love Unknown" (vv. 3-4) LOVE UNKNOWN

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

^INVITATION TO OFFERING:

The faith that sustains us is not a commodity to be hoarded and protected.

Rather, faith is active, dynamic relationship which God calls us to share with one another, not just in the Church, but with everyone.

Our offerings make possible faithful ministries within the Church and our outreach in the world.

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "I Am a Child of God"

Jesus Walk

**I am a child of God,
A child of God who is rocked in a cradle of love.
No matter what I do, I say, I think,
I am a child of God. (Repeat)**

**1. Jesus came into this world
to give us hope and love,
He is a gift from God above
Who is our Holy Father.**

Refrain

**2. Then God sent His Holy Spirit
To guide us on our way.
He will abide and comfort us
'til Jesus comes again. *Refrain***

*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

***HYMN:** VU#497 "Nearer My God to Thee" (vv. 1-2)

EXCELSIOR

**1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

2 Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

PASTORAL PRAYERS

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

^COMMISSIONING:

We rejoice that God has gathered us for worship.

Now we depart to go where God sends us.

We are God's messengers wherever we go.

We are called to be Christians in all our doings.

God promises to be our helper whenever we call.

God's love surrounds us even when we do not ask for it.

With joy, we will go where God sends us.

With confidence, we will share our faith with others.

***HYMN:** VU#512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure

**all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.**

***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: Agincourt Hymn -- John Dunstable John Charles
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...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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Vickie will be away March 19 - 26

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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 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!*

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.

February Official Board Meeting Highlights

The Official Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday February 25. Rev. Hewitt Holmes was on vacation so Rev. Kirsty Hunter, Minister at Minesing United Church, attended in his place as required by the United Church Manual. Following are highlights:

- The Board approved the Terms of Reference governing the work of the Governance Structure Task Force. Rev. Kirsty Hunter shared the restructuring experience of Minesing United Church and provided insights of their experience.
- The Parking Lot proposal was approved; further actions will take place during the next several months with full implementation planned by the end of May 2020.
- The Board approved for recommendation to the congregation the 2018 Unaudited Financial Statements as provided by Morrison CPA. The Finance Committee Report and Financial Reports as of January 31, 2020 were approved. The Board received for information a report of adjusting entries to the 2018 Income Statement as highlighted by Morrison CPA during the 2018 review process.

The next Official Board meeting is Tuesday March 24.

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

EXPRESSION OF THANKS - I would like to thank members, friends and Amicae UCW at Collier for your kind and caring cards, messages, phone calls etc. on the passing of my Husband, Ed. Swales. My Church Family means so very much to me and during Ed's time at Collier, he made many friends and acquaintances and I appreciate you remembering him in so many ways. A Service celebrating Ed's life will be held on May 2nd. 2020 at First Baptist Church in Barrie at 1:30pm. Sincerely Judy.

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: Lambert, Lamont, Langfield, Larmon, Latimer, Laver, Lees, Leslie, Ley, Little, Lloyd, Lord, Lowe, Lowry, Lusk, Lyte, Mabley, MacLean, Madigan, Magill, Malinowski, Manceri, Manuel, March, Marriott. 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.

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR – We are very pleased to welcome Sandra Ruttan, as Music Director, starting April 26, 2020. We are excited about Sandra joining the Collier team.

NEW CUSTODIAN – Wayne Cameron has been appointed as our new Custodian. Wayne has been with Collier for some time. We are excited about his new role with the Collier team starting March 16, 2020.

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS - Jack Inch(Mar 15), Mary Joyce Forster(Mar 16), Brandon Johnston(Mar 17), Madison McDermott, Mikayla McDermott(Mar 19), Pat Edwards(Mar 20), Terry Oram, Emily Beam(Mar 21).

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

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).

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 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. 16 – Mk. 14:54-72
Wed. Mar. 18 – Mk. 15:26-47
Fri., Mar. 20 – Lk. 1:1-20

Tues., Mar. 17 – Mk. 15:1-25
Thurs., Mar. 19 – Mk. 16
Sat., Mar. 21 – Lk. 1:21-38

Collier's Activities – Week of Sunday, March 15th, 2020

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| SUNDAY 9:15am Friendship Bible - Chapel 10:15am Nursery - M6/7 10:30am Worship – Sanctuary 10:45am Colliers Kids – M5 | WEDNESDAY 9:00am Rec. Respite – L10 12:00pm Fellowship Lunch - Hall THURSDAY 9:00am Rec. Respite – L10 9:30am Women's Bible Study Lounge 7:00pm Choir – Library |
| MONDAY 9:00am Rec. Respite – L10 TUESDAY 9:00am Rec. Respite – L10 | FRIDAY 9:00am Rec. Respite – L10 SATURDAY |

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Following the service, we are in need of volunteers to distribute the flowers to those who are ill and/or shut in. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of a plant in honour of, or in memory of a loved one – please complete the form below, tear off & return with your money to the office no later than **Monday, April 6th, 2020**

Name: _____

Env.#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Amount:** _____

In Memory of: _____