



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost, July 04<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 10:30 am

Summer!

\*You are invited to say or sing the **bold print**

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**ANTHEM:** “O Canada” VU, pg. 524

SANDRA RUTTAN

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Hewitt Holmes

*Response: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World (chorus)*

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Hewitt Holmes

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.**

**WELCOME & NEWS**

Hewitt Holmes

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

### WE PRAISE AND PRAY

**^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:**

Opportunity awaits us here;  
this is the space of a God  
who is the most generous Host.

**Great is our God who is consistently loving us,  
filling the earth with beauty and joy.**

Together, we join the opportunity of worship!

**\*HYMN:** VU#222 “Come, Let Us Sing” v. 1,2,4

SANDRA RUTTAN

**^OPENING PRAYER**

Hewitt Holmes

**SILENCE**

**^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:**

In this opportunity, we know  
that God is constant in love which affirms, directs and encourages us;

**Deepen our friendships  
and make us global partners of justice, joy, love, and peace.**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 958 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

VIRTUAL CHOIR

### WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAY

**^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 48:1-14 (Inclusive Bible)

FRANK BEST

**Let us listen to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...**

- <sup>1</sup> How great is YHWH, how worth of praise in the city of YHWH, on God's holy mountain-  
<sup>2</sup> beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth! Mount Zion, "the heart of the earth," is the city of the great Ruler.  
<sup>3</sup> And for all its citadels, God is Zion's true fortress.  
<sup>4</sup> Look-the rulers joined forces and made their attack.  
<sup>5</sup> But when they saw Zion, they were terrified and fled,  
<sup>6</sup> quaking in their boots, screaming in pain like a woman in labor.  
<sup>7</sup> Just as we had heard reports that you smashed the ships of Tarshish with a strong east wind,  
<sup>8</sup> so we now see with our own eyes in the city of YHWH Sabaoth, in the city of YHWH: it is God who makes Zion secure forever.  
<sup>9</sup> O God, we meditate on your love within your Temple.  
<sup>10</sup> As your Name reaches the ends of the earth, O God, so does your praise; justice fills your right hand.  
<sup>11</sup> Mount Zion rejoices, and the villages of Judah celebrate because of your judgements.  
<sup>12</sup> Walk throughout Zion-make the rounds and count the towers!  
<sup>13</sup> Ponder its ramparts, examine its citadels, so that you can tell a future generation  
<sup>14</sup> that God is our God, forever and ever-and God will guide us even to our last day.

*This is life-giving Word, for the People of God. Thanks be to God!*

**REFLECTION:** "The Constant God in a Changing World" *Hewitt Holmes*

**SILENCE**

**Choral Anthem :** "You Raise Me Up (with *Be Still My Soul*)" by Loveland, Graham and Fettke  
*VIRTUAL CHOIR*

*Great is our God, and greatly to be praised,  
the joy of all the earth.  
Beautiful is our God,  
the joy of loving hearts.*

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION** *Hewitt Holmes*

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** (*Kum Ba Yah Version*) *SANDRA RUTTAN*

**WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY**

**^HYMN:** VU #675 "Will Your Anchor Hold" v. 1,2 *SANDRA RUTTAN*

**^WE GO WITH A BLESSING:**

*Hewitt Holmes*

*We have contemplated your faithful love, O God,  
in the sacred space and time of summer worship.*

**We go with God's burning grace in our hearts,  
Christ's power that is made perfect in our weakness and  
The Spirit's strength as our hope and guide on the journey of life  
and faith.**

*We go in Love!*

**CLOSING SONG:** VU#884 "You Shall Go Out"

*VIRTUAL CHOIR*

*(We remain grateful for the offerings given today and electronically)*

