

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost, September 26th 2021 – 10:30 am

Season of Creation!

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

CENTERING AROUND THE LIGHTING OF CHRIST

Hewitt Holmes

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hewitt Holmes

Today, we gather from different places as the community of faith at Collier Street United Church we acknowledge 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 Treaties 16 & 18 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

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

***HYMN:** VU#716 “My Life Flows On” v. 1,2,4

SANDRA RUTTAN/BARB WENZEL

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

At the dawn of a new day.

You are with us God.

Filling us with hope,

Giving us a clear vision of the way to be taken.

In this worship,

we worship you, O God.

^ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Hewitt Holmes

SILENCE

^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:

Romans reminds us
“for I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God

**Thanks be to God,
through such love,
we are co-creators of love and compassion.**

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

VIRTUAL CHOIR

WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAY

“You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run.”—Augustine of Hippo

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-27 (Inclusive Bible)

Anne Snell

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

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem,

¹⁹ many people had come out to console Martha and Mary about their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary stayed at home with the mourners.

²¹ When she got to Jesus, Martha said, “If you had been here, my brother would never have died!

²² Yet even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ “Your brother will rise again!” Jesus assured her.

²⁴ Martha replied, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die;

²⁶ and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. "Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes!" Martha replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten, the One who is coming into the world."

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

REFLECTION: "We Believe in Life Everlasting..." *Hewitt Holmes*

THE NEW CREED (VU, 918 pg.)

PIANO ANTHEM: "North East South West" by Sandra Ruttan *SANDRA RUTTAN*

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS *Hewitt Holmes*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Spoken in Inclusive language*)

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

^HYMN: VU#713 "I See a New Heaven" v. 1,2,3 *SANDRA RUTTAN/BARB WENZEL*

^WE GO WITH A BLESSING: *Hewitt Holmes*

CLOSING SONG: "Go Now In Peace" *VIRTUAL CHOIR*

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