

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Oil and grain turn to bread. The sick is healed. The weary is lifted up. The prisoners are set free. The everyday becomes a miracle. This is God's work. We are its witnesses. Let us worship the Triune God!

ORGAN PRELUDE: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" arr. G.M.Martin
"Make the Sounds of Praise" by R.J. Hughes

SANDRA RUTTAN

CENTERING AROUND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Hewitt Holmes

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today, as we gather in person and from outside the sanctuary as 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.

Hewitt Holmes



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

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

Hewitt Holmes

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

God, source of lovingkindness and strength, we worship you.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Joy comes to those who hope in God.

Our God is a Keeper of promises.

Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

Our God will keep faith with all generations.

Come, let us worship and praise God now and forevermore!

***HYMN:** VU #232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You v. 1,2,3

SANDRA RUTTAN/Singers from choir

^OPENING PRAYER

^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:

Hear the good news!

God in Christ is awake and gives us another chance to be healed and made whole.

We believe the good news that set us free to be co-creators of love, peace, joy and justice.

***HYMN:** VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - CARIBBEAN

VIRTUAL CHOIR

WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAYER

Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you.

^WORDS FROM THE BIBLE: Mark 13:1-8, 33-37 (Inclusive Bible)

DICK MOFFAT

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

¹ As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!"

² Jesus replied, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

⁴ "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?"

⁵ Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you.

⁶ Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One,' and they will deceive many.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come.

⁸ Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines-yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains.

³³ Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.

³⁴ "It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert.

³⁵ So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn.

³⁶ Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep.

³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all: stay alert!"

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

PIANO ANTHEM: "Standing on the Promises" arr. Mark Hayes *Sandra Ruttan*

SERMON: "Stay Awake!" *HEWITT HOLMES*

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYERS *HEWITT HOLMES*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Spoken, VU, pg. 914*)

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you.

***HYMN:** MV# 120 "Canticle of the Turning" v. 1,3,4 *SANDRA RUTTAN/Singers from choir*

^BENEDICTION

HEWITT HOLMES

CLOSING SONG: "Go Now in Peace"

Virtual Choir

POSTLUDE: "On Eagles Wings" arr. Larry Shackley

SANDRA RUTTAN

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

