

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “Fantasia on ‘O How I Love Jesus’” arr. J. Krug  
“Praise!” by G.M. Martin

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:

Praise be to God!

**We give you thanks for everything.**

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**God has caused God's name to dwell in our midst.**

**God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

Praise be to God!

\*HYMN: VU #345 “Come Children, Join to Sing”

SANDRA RUTTAN/Singers from choir

### ^OPENING PRAYER

### ^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:

We rejoice that no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go

**A love that makes us co-creators of love, peace, joy and justice.**

\*HYMN: VU# 958 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” - CARIBBEAN

VIRTUAL CHOIR

### WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** DeAndre Alexander Thomas Ackerson  
SON OF ALEXANDER AND PATRICIA

Introduction and Scripture  
Questions to Parents & Spiritual Guides ...who will respond **"We do"**  
Question to congregation ... who will respond **"We do"**  
Act of Baptism  
Presentation of Gifts from the Collier Church family

## WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAYER

*O God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways.  
So, guide us by your Word and Spirit, and open our minds and hearts to your truth,  
speaking through the scriptures. By that truth, may our thoughts and our ways become a greater reflection of yours. Amen.*

**^WORDS FROM THE BIBLE:** Ephesians 4:1-16 (Inclusive Bible)

*DONNA MARTIN, UCW*

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

<sup>1</sup> I plead with you, then, in the name of our Redeemer, to lead a life worthy of your calling.

<sup>2</sup> Treat one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.

<sup>3</sup> Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the peace that binds you together.

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit-just as you were called into one hope when you were called.

<sup>5</sup> There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism,

<sup>6</sup> one God and Creator of all, who is over all, who works through all and is within all.

<sup>7</sup> Each of us has received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it.

<sup>8</sup> Thus you find scripture saying, "You ascended on high, leading captives in your train, and giving gifts to people

<sup>9</sup> "You ascended"- what does this mean but that Christ first descended into the lower regions of the earth?

<sup>10</sup> The One who descended is the very One who ascended high above the heavens in order to fill the whole universe.

<sup>11</sup> And to some, the gift they were given is that they should be apostles; to some prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers.

<sup>12</sup> These gifts were given to equip fully the holy ones for the work of service, and to build up the body of Christ-

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Only Begotten of God, until we become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Let us then be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine, or by human trickery of crafty, deceitful schemes.

<sup>15</sup> Rather, let us speak the truth in love, and grow to the full maturity of Christ, the head.

<sup>16</sup> Through Christ, the whole body grows. With the proper functioning of each member, firmly joined together by each supporting ligament, the body builds itself up in love.

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

**SERMON:** "The Church – United & Uniting" HEWITT HOLMES

**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION**

**PIANO ANTHEM:** "Amazing Grace" arr. Mark Hayes Sandra Ruttan

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Celebrating Anniversary and Ministry at Collier)* ANNE SNELL, UCW

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

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

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

**\*HYMN:** VU# 330 "Jesus Shall Reign" v. 1,2,4 SANDRA RUTTAN/Singers from choir

**^BENEDICTION** HEWITT HOLMES

God be in our head and in our understanding!

**God be in my eyes and in my looking,**

Christ be in our mouth and in our speaking,

**Christ be in our heart and in our thinking,**

Holy Spirit be in our end and in our departing,

**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*(Prayers for the People, Ed. Michael Perry, 1992)*



**CLOSING SONG:** "Go Now in Peace" Virtual Choir

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

**OUR HISTORY**

Like Christianity, Collier United had its birth in a stable when, the summer of 1819, Mr. Peter White rowed across the lake and conducted the first religious service in a barn owned by Mr. William Mann. Mr. Mann circulated the first subscription list for the building of a church, and later he became the first Sunday School superintendent.

Many will claim that Collier United is older than 150 years, and rightly so. Years ago, our Session decided that 1836, the year the first building was used entirely for Divine service, and the first resident minister was appointed, should be the year of our origin. It is a history of a building:

1836—a log building at the northeast corner of Dunlop and Mulcaster Streets was converted to a meeting house.

1841—a frame building was built east of the present church

1864—the corner stone of our present sanctuary was laid

1896—the parsonage, later referred to as the manse, was built

1903—the Sunday School and parlour were erected

1907—the sanctuary was extensively remodelled (Rose windows)

1954—the corner stone for the Christian Education wing was laid

1957—Fellowship Hall, new kitchen and administrative offices were officially opened

1962—a new three manual Keates organ was installed in the newly created chancel

1985—the Collier Place apartment complex was started

1985—the Sunday School, parlour, kitchen and administrative offices were demolished in preparation for the construction of the \$1.5 million redevelopment project. The organ had to be dismantled.

1986—the new redevelopment project officially dedicated.

2019/20 - Capital Campaign fixed Steeple, installed Sound and Visual Systems.

2022 - New Elevator will be installed.

Archie Ross, Editor

'150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of Collier Street United Church'