

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter, May 01st, 2022 – 10:30 am

Georgian District's Masonic / Earth Sunday / Asian Heritage Month

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good acts.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Praeludium in A Minor by J.S Bach

SANDRA RUTTAN

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Collier Street United acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg people. The Anishinaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy, who made treaties 16 & 18 possible.

Hewitt Holmes



Today, as a community of faith, we commit to honouring the history and culture of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

We move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and good relations with all peoples.

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE

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RESPONSE: VU #414 "God Be Praised at Early Morn" v.2

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WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes & Sandra Dowds

We recognize 5 years of ministry between Hewitt and Collier Street United Church.

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

There is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

V.W.Bro. Rory MacDonald (District Chaplain)

You come to us living God.

You come to us in the still, small voice, and we listen.

You come to us living God.

You come to us in a flash of insight, and we are amazed.

You come to us living God.

You come to us when we least expect you, and we are surprised.

You come to us living God.

You come to us in these moments of worship, and we rejoice.

(Responsive Prayers by David Sparks, Year C- Edited)

***HYMN:** VU 158 "Christ Is Alive" (v. 1,4,5)

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^OPENING PRAYER

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SILENCE

COMMUNAL PRAYER:

(Rt. Rev. Bevan Carrique (Rameses Shrine Chaplain))

Compassion calls us to love as we have been loved by you, most gracious God.

To love those who love us and those who reject us;

to love those whom we like and those whom we do not like;
to love those whose stories, we have heard firsthand;
to love those with needs who are on our street,
and those whose home is an ocean away;
**to love those who are Christian and those who are Jew, Muslim,
Sikh, and Buddhist.**

You call us to the stewardship of all Creation.

**We recognize that this love is neither easy to give nor to receive.
We respond to the compassion of the risen Christ that calls us to
love without limits. Amen.**

RESPONSE: MV #60 "God, We Give You Heartfelt Praise" by Timothy Tao

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WE GROW IN TOGETHER

... and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

^WORDS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 30: 6-12 (Inclusive Bible)

R.W. Bro. Paul Goodfellow (District Deputy Grand Master Georgian North District)

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

When I presumed, I was secure, I boasted, "I will never be defeated!"

When I stood in your favour, YHWH, I stood as firm as a mountain.

But then you hid yourself from me, and I was filled with terror.

So I called to you, YHWH, I pleaded for your help:

What goodwill come from my destruction, from my going to the grave?

Does dust praise you YHWH?

Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?

Hear me, YHWH, and be merciful! Help me, YHWH.

Then you changed my despair into a dance—you stripped me of my death shroud
and clothed me with joy.

That's why my heart sings to you, that's why I can't keep silent—

YHWH, you are my God, and I will thank you forever!

WORDS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:

ACTS 9: 1-6 (Inclusive Bible)

R.W. Bro. Scott Rowe (District Deputy Grand Master Georgian South District)

Meanwhile, Saul continued to breathe murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus.
He had gone up to the high priest,

and asked for letters, addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorize
him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way that he could find, both
men and women.

As he was traveling along and approaching Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly
flashed about him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

"Who are?" Saul asked. The voice answered, "I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me.

Get up now and go into the city where you will be told what to do."

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

SERMON: "A Question of Faith—an Answer for the World?" *Robert Murdock, Diaconal Student /Member of the Georgian District's Masonic*

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

PIANO ANTHEM: "Gigue" from Partita 1 by J.S. Bach

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Robert Murdock

EXPLANATION OF "TONGSUNG KIDO" A Korean Prayer

And so now we pray together

We sing of God's news lived out, a church with purpose:

faith nurtured and hearts comforted,

gifts shared for the good of all,

resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,

fierce love in the face of violence,

human dignity defended,

members of a community held and inspired by God,

corrected and comforted,

instruments of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation's mending.

We sing of God's mission.

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYERS

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THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Traditional words with inclusive language*)

WE GO TO BE GOD'S COMMUNITY

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

HYMN: VU # 649 "Walk With Me" v. 1,3,4

^CLOSING BLESSING: MV#218 "May the Love of the Lord"

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PIANO POSTLUDE: "Hymns of Creation" arr. Phillip Keveren

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