

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 08<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 10:30 am

Mother's Day / Family Sunday / Asian Heritage Month

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

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise our God!

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** "Celebration" by James Denton

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

Hewitt Holmes

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

SANDRA RUTTAN /CHOIR

### WELCOME & NEWS

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

Hewitt Holmes

### WE PRAISE AND PRAY

Praise God for mighty deeds, extravagant love, loving care, and answered prayer.

### ^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Hewitt Holmes

The spirit of God calls us from many places;  
Some of us come from busy homes with many people  
Some of us live alone.

**We are a part of the family.**

This week has been different for each of us;  
Some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate  
Some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

**We are members of God's family.**

Yet we all come to this same place;  
All of us seeking God's presence in our lives  
All of us seeking God's presence with each other.

**Together we become God's family.**



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

**\*HYMN:** VU 714 "Come We That Love the Lord" (v. 1,3,4)

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### ^LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Hewitt Holmes

Holy love,  
On this family day, we thank you for women: born and claimed as mothers,  
who have given us life and love.  
In this worship and beyond

may we show them reverence and love,

**We pray to God in Christ...**

For mothers who have lost a child through death,  
that their faith may give them hope,  
and may their family and friends support and console them,

**We pray to God in Christ...**

For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have  
nurtured and cared for us,

**We pray to God in Christ...**

For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength,  
who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their  
families,

**We pray to God in Christ...**

Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother who gives life and nourishment  
to her children, so watch over your Church.

Bless every woman of faith.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,**

May honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

**Grant this through Christ our living One.**

**SILENCE**

**WORDS OF LIFE:**

*Hewitt Holmes*

Despite our failures and shortcomings,

**We trust in Your power to transform our lives.**

**Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Living Christ,**

**So that our lives may be co-creators of joy, peace, and grace.**

**RESPONSE:** MV #60 "God, We Give You Heartfelt Praise" by Timothy Tao *SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR*

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** *Jack Whitfield*  
SON OF DAVID AND JANNA

**The Profession of Faith and Promises**

**Prayer**

**Act of Baptism**

**JACK WHITFIELD**, in the name of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, we  
baptize you! Amen.

Presentation of Gifts from the Collier Church family

**WE GROW TOGETHER**

*We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.*

**^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 23 "Mommy Holds My Hand"

*Rob Murdock*

God is like my Mommy.

**My Mommy holds my hand;**

I'm not afraid.

**She takes me to school in the mornings;**  
she lets me play in the playground and the parks;  
**she makes me feel good.**  
She shows me how to cross the streets, because she loves me.

**Even when we walk among the crowds and the cars,**  
**I am not afraid.**

If I can reach her hand or her coat, I know she's with me.

**And I'm all right.**

When I fall down and I'm all covered with mud  
and I come home crying, she picks me up in her arms.

**She wipes my hands and dries my tears,**  
**and I have to cry again, because she loves me so much.**

How can anything go wrong  
with that kind of Mommy near me?

**I want to live all my life with Mommy,**  
**in my Mommy's home for ever and ever.**

*(used by permission of author James Taylor)*

2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17 (Inclusive Bible)

*Robin Milani*

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

<sup>1</sup> From Paul, by the will of God an apostle of Christ Jesus, sent to proclaim the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dear child: May grace, mercy and peace from God the creator and from Christ Jesus our Savior be with you.

<sup>3</sup> I thank God, the God of my ancestors-whom I worship with a clear conscience- whenever I remember you in my prayers, as indeed I do constantly, night and day.

<sup>4</sup> When I recall your tears, I long to see you again, which would fill me with joy.

<sup>5</sup> I'm reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and now, I'm certain, in you as well.

<sup>3:14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith caused me great harm. Our God will compensate him according to his actions.

<sup>15</sup> Be on your guard against him, for he has strongly opposed our preaching.

<sup>16</sup> I found myself alone and without a single witness at my first defense. Pray that they not be punished for it.

<sup>17</sup> Christ stood by my side and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the nations might hear the Gospel. That's how I was saved from the lion's jaws.

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

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** "Give Thanks to God" trad. Botswanan arr. Alan Bullard

*CHOIR*

**SERMON:** "A Mother – Influences & Inspires"

*Hewitt Holmes*

**WE RESPOND TOGETHER**

*Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives.*

**OFFERING & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

*Anne Snell*

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

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

*We are witnesses to the God who acts. We go into the world to continue worship and praise!*

**HYMN:** VU # 556 "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" v. 1,3,4 *SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR*

**^CLOSING BLESSING:** MV#218 "May the Love of the Lord" *SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR*

**PIANO POSTLUDE:** "Thanksgiving and Praise Medley" arr. Marilyn Ham *SANDRA RUTTAN*