



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, June 26th, 2022 – 10:30 am

Indigenous Month

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

Do all you can to be at peace with everyone!

HYMN REQUEST: VU 436 Abide With Me v. 1,2,3

SANDRA RUTTAN /CHOIR

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Pastorale” by R.J. Hughes

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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: MV #6 “Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives” chorus, v.1, chorus

SANDRA RUTTAN /CHOIR

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

How welcome upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news—who announces peace, and brings news of happy things, and proclaims deliverance, saying to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Hewitt Holmes

God of times past, God of our present days,
God of all days that are to come,

You are with us.

**Celebrating with us in the joyful times,
supporting us in times of loss,**

Encouraging us to do away with injustice,
encouraging us to embrace new truth,

You are with us.

You are the object and focus of our worship,
the inspiration of our praise and prayer,

You are with us!



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

*HYMN: VU 697 “O For a World” v.1,2,3

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^OPENING PRAYER OF DETERMINATION

Hewitt Holmes

Holy One,
We gather in worship with our community of faith on the
journey of reconciliation.

We will continue the work of right relations.

Today, we seek the determination of Jesus,
who made up his mind to go to Jerusalem.

We will keep our eyes on the most faithful goal.



SILENCE

As we journey, we know
there are some who will seek to discourage us.

We will listen but we will not look back.

There are those who are not open to our mission.

We will encounter them but keep our vision bright.

There are those who will oppose us.

**We will dialogue with them and make clear why we
have chosen to go forward.**

We pray this day, that your faithful determination will carry us through.

In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Companion we pray - Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PEACE ALONG THE WAY:

Hewitt Holmes

We pray for peace, Loving God.
When the community of faith is weak,
peace in prayer, praise, and holy silence.
When the community of faith is strong,
**peace in caring for the vulnerable and in helping those
who are drifting.**
When we are downhearted,
peace from the presence of loved ones.
When we are on top of the world,
peace as we share our joy with others. Amen.

(Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler, Year C)

RESPONSE: MV #160 "There's a River of Life" by Jonathan Maracle (Mohawk)

SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR

WE GROW TOGETHER

*But now you are reconciled in Christ's mortal body through death so that you can now stand before God holy,
pure and blameless!*

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:15-17 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (Inclusive Bible) Donna Martin

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

¹⁵ "If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back;



¹⁶ if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If your sister or brother refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If she or he ignores even the church, then treat that sister or brother as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

⁵⁻¹⁸ All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ—and made us ministers of that reconciliation.

¹⁹ This means that through Christ, the world was fully reconciled again to God, who didn't hold our transgressions against us but instead entrusted us with this message of reconciliation.

²⁰ This makes us Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making the appeal directly through us. Therefore we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God.

²¹ For our sake, God made the One who was without sin to be sin, so that by this means we might become the very holiness of God.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Sweetgrass and Candle" by J. Oldham and R. Klusmeier

CHOIR

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:

"Calls to Action - Reconciliation With Our Indigenous Siblings: Where are We?"

<https://crc-canada.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/trc-calls-to-action-english.pdf>

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Dear Creator of the Sky"

VIRTUAL CHOIR

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life.

OFFERING:

Teach us the joy of sharing, O God:

**The joy of sharing time with those who lack friendship and care,
the joy of sharing attention with those who are anxious and afraid,
the joy of sharing gifts with those whom this world treats harshly.**

Bless these gifts as they work in the Way of Jesus.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*Spoken*)

WE GO TO BE GOD'S COMMUNITY

"Therefore treat others as you would have them treat you. This is the whole meaning of the Law and the prophets.

HYMN: MV 135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR

COMMISSIONING:

Hewitt Holmes

Discover the right path!

We will walk resolutely along it.

Sense the temptation to avoid and delay!

We will fight that temptation.

Be aware of the tendency to make excuses!

We will counter it with enthusiasm.

Realize the good work that can be accomplished with others!

We will commit ourselves to the work.

Remember the Christian name you bear!

We will strive to be worthy of Jesus Christ.

^CLOSING BLESSING: MV#217 “Hey Ney Yana” by Brooke Medicine Eagle

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PIANO POSTLUDE: “Amen” arr. Mark Hayes

SANDRA RUTTAN

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Welcome to Worship at Collier Street United Church.

We are glad you have joined us today in person and online, our worship leaders are:

Hewitt Holmes – Minister/Worship leader

Teen Challenge – Presenters

Sandra Lisa Ruttan – Music Director

Senior Choir – Music leadership

Terry Tizzard and Mark Sporich – Audio & Visual Projections

Indigenous Artifacts on Display



June is Indigenous month in the United Church. Anne Goddard, a worshipper at Collier, has generously contributed the artifacts and helped set up the display you see in the sanctuary and foyer this morning. Anne has been involved with Indigenous people across Canada and, to her, the displayed items reflect sacredness and unity with the Creator. Cedar has been widely used in the display, and it, along with sweet grass, sage and tobacco represents healing. Migwetch, Anne.