

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

This is the moment of praise:
praise to the God who has created us, and sustains us, in joy and in sorrow.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “God Walks Beside Me” by Lani Smith

SANDRA RUTTAN

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE OF THE COMMUNITY

Response: VU# 588 Many Are the Light Beams v.1

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hewitt Holmes



For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land called Turtle Island; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy.

We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

As we gather, we pause to remember that where we live, work and worship make us treaties 16 & 18 people.

As people of Collier United, we commit to living with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

This is the moment of trust:
trust in Jesus Christ who was faithful in showing us the way of God’s love as years succeed to years.

SILENCE

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

○ come, let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

**We worship not because the world is good
and last week was incredible,
but because the earth is God’s and everything in it.**

○ come, let us raise our hands in worship . . .

**We raise our hands in worship
not because our lives are all sweetness and light,
but because even those who walk in the deepest despair
can see a great light,
the Bright and Morning Star.**

○ come, let us bow down in worship . . .

**We kneel in worship
not because we fear God,**

**but because God gives us what we need –
the holy child Jesus, God’s Unspeakable Gift.**

^OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** MV #1 “Let Us Build a House” v. 1,2,4

SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR

^WORDS OF RENEWAL:

This is the moment of pardon and hope.
Light has come.
Light calls us into God’s New Way of Salvation.

Salvation is poured out on us.

God is gracious in reaching in and reaching out to us.

This is the moment of a renewed community.

This is the good news of renewal and healing.

We accept it with open arms.

***RESPONSE:** MV #142 “Oh A Song Must Rise” chorus

SANDRA RUTTAN & CHOIR

WE GROW IN THE FAITH

**This is the moment of community:
Community of those who profess and proclaim the story of Jesus Christ,
in word and compassionate work together.**

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:12-23 (Inclusive Bible)

Donna Martin

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

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.

¹⁴ In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

¹⁶ the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, “Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers—Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew—casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade.

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.”

²⁰ They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus.

²¹ Jesus walked along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers—James and John, ben-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them,

²² and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him.

²³ Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: MV#113 “Jesus Saw Them Fishing”

SANDRA RUTTAN & CHOIR

SERMON: “An Instructive Call”

Hewitt Holmes

A CREED (by Bruce D. Prewer)

We believe in Christ Jesus.

all lovely and all loving,

the very image of the invisible God.
We believe we are a called people,

to share in the healing of salvation

and celebrate the love of the invisible God.

We believe we are a sent people,

called to love others as we are loved

through the Spirit-power of the invisible God.

RESPONSE: MV#97 Listen, God Is Calling

OUR PRAYERS – TITHES, OFFERING, AND PASTORAL

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS: *Traditional Spoken*

WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

This is the moment of hope:

This is the moment of God with God’s people and creation. Glory to God in Jesus Christ.

***HYMN:** MV# 209 “Go, Make a Difference”

SANDRA RUTTAN & CHOIR

^CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION:

Hewitt Holmes

As we leave this worship space, we remind ourselves:

That it is not we who chose God,

but God who chose us,

That we were not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ’s grace,

That we do not go our separate ways alone,

but in the company of the Spirit

who has great things in store for us.

We go in mercy and peace,

to be a blessing to creation.

Amen!

CLOSING SONG: “Go Now in Peace” by *Besig and Price*

POSTLUDE: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Mark Hayes

SANDRA RUTTAN

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

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 of Worship, Congregational Care and Leadership

Sandra Lisa Ruttan – Music Director

Choir – Music leadership

Terry Tizzard – Audio & Visual Projections

