

### 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...**

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

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

<sup>14</sup> In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

<sup>16</sup> 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."

<sup>17</sup> From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, "Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind."

<sup>20</sup> They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> 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,

<sup>22</sup> and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him.

<sup>23</sup> 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)*

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## 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

