



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany 4, Sunday, January 29th, 2023 – 10:30 am

*You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad, for God offers rich rewards.
From God we will receive wisdom and true power.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “Is Anybody Here?” by John Troutman

SANDRA RUTTAN

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE

RESPONSE: VU #588 “Many are the Lightbeams” v. 1

WELCOME & NEWS

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

Hewitt Holmes

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

God has chosen us to be a blessing. We will live righteously.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

God, you are the gathering one
**who calls us into the community
with each other**

**to love and work,
to support and heal.**

You are the assembling one
**who calls us into the community
with all people;
to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.**

You are the summoning one
**who calls us into the community
with the whole creation;
to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.**

You deserve our worship and praise.

(re: Worship – Epiphany 4A)

***HYMN** VU #512 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” v. 1,2,4

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Hewitt Holmes

Loving God,
we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.
You are greater than we can understand;
**open our eyes so that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;
**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

SILENCE

You are wiser than we can know;
**still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

SILENCE

Loving God, in Jesus
you chose to come to the world in humility.
You chose the path the world saw as foolish.
You used what the world considered weak.
We worship and adore you. Amen.

^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:

Christ,
You bless us as we realize your feelings for us.
You ask us to be a blessing –
Among the most vulnerable,

with the despairing, and with those who are afraid.

**In counting our blessings,
In giving our blessing,
We know pardon and peace.**

We are blessed!

**Yes, we are blessed and highly favored
to be disciples of God in Christ today and always.**

(Prayers to Share – Year A, David Sparks)

***HYMN:** MV#142 “Oh a Song Must Rise” (chorus)

SANDRA RUTTAN & CHOIR

WE GROW TOGETHER

**We are awed that God has appointed and commissioned us.
We will delight in seeking to do God’s will as our words and deeds resist evil.**

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-8 (Inclusive Bible)

Marion Tizzard

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

Micah 6:¹ Hear now what YHWH says: “Come, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice!

² Listen to YHWH’s indictment, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth; for YHWH has a dispute with the people, and is putting Israel on trial.

³ O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Give me an answer!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent Moses to lead you, and Aaron, and Miriam!

⁵ My people, call to mind the plans devised by the ruler Balak of Moab, and how Baalam ben-Beor answered him! Remember the journey from Shittim to Gilgal, and recall how YHWH brought you justice!”

⁶ “What shall I bring when I come before YHWH, and bow down before God on high?” you ask. “Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves?”

⁷ Will YHWH be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

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

PEW TALK: “An Amazing and Astonishing ASK?!” *Hewitt Holmes*

CHORAL ANTHEM: “We Are Not Our Own” by R. Klusmeier

OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Hewitt Holmes*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (*The Lord’s Prayer – sung to the tune of the Caribbean Version*)

WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*As we go from worship, we will walk blamelessly before God in Christ and do what is right.
We will speak truth to all, from our hearts.
We will love all, no matter what!*

^HYMN: MV #136 “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” v. 1,4,5
(*to the tune of VU#372*)

^COMMISSION AND BLESSING: *Hewitt Holmes*

CLOSING SONG: VU#884 “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

PIANO POSTLUDE: “To God Be the Glory” arr. Cindy Berry *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

