



LENT



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent, March 05th, 2023 – 10:30 am

The Lenten Journey

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Lent allows us to be children of God, sharers of the blessings we enjoy:
The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need...**

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley” arr. H.S. Livingstone

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hewitt Holmes



We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the people with whom the Three Fires Confederacy: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, was agreed upon.

We accept our responsibility as Treaty people on this territory wherein Collier Street United resides.

We honor the heritage and stewardship of this land.

As we gather to worship and work at Collier Street United,

we recognize that we have assembled on sacred ground,

a traditional gathering place for many peoples of Turtle Island.

We commit to honoring the covenantal relationship with the First Peoples: Métis and Inuit.

We move forward with reconciliation and good relations with all people.

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE

Rob Murdock

CANDLE SONG: VU #87 “I Am the Light of the World” (chorus)

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

**Lent makes us children of God, partakers of the blessings we experience:
The blessing of healing is shared with those who are sick and wounded...**

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED: *(based on Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)*

Rob Murdock

Come, all who need help!

Our help comes from God,

the one who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire a blessing!

Our blessing comes from God,

the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of the ages.

Come, all who long for salvation!

Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,

who deserves our praise and worship!

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4779/worship-elements-march-5-2023> - retrieved February 23, 2023

***HYMN** VU#115 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

OPENING PRAYER (based on Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

Rob Murdock

God of the ages,

we come into this holy space

asking for your blessing,

only to find that the abundance of your love

is already around us.

**Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation
in the beauty all around us.**

**Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word
as it is proclaimed in story and song this day.**

**Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith
through the gentle touch of a friend
or the supportive smile of a stranger.**

And open our doors,

**that we may become vessels of your blessing
to a world still in need of salvation.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our eternal love. Amen.

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Silent Confessions

^WORDS OF BLESSING:

Rob Murdock

God of salvation,

you shower our lives and our world with love,

yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you,

that we may choose the blessing of salvation

offered us each day through Jesus Christ,

making us co-creators of peace, pardon, and prosperity!

***HYMN:** MV#118 "Me Alone"

WE GROW TOGETHER

Lent makes us siblings of God, participants of the blessings we practice:

The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate

and of tears shared with those who grieve...

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

Donna Martin

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

¹ YHWH said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place I will show you.

² I will make of you a great people. I will bless you and make your name so great that it will be used in blessings.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. And all the people on the face of the earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴ Abram, who was 75 years old when he left Haran, began the journey as YHWH had instructed,

John 3:1 A certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin,

² came to Jesus at night. “Rabbi,” he said, “we know you’re a teacher come from God, for no one can perform the signs and wonders you do, unless by the power of God.”

³ Jesus gave Nicodemus this answer: “The truth of the matter is, unless one is born from above, one cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said, “How can an adult be born a second time? I can’t go back into my mother’s womb to be born again!”

⁵ Jesus replied: “The truth of the matter is, no one can enter God’s kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit.

⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

⁷ So don’t be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above.

⁸ The wind blows where it will. You hear the sound it makes, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be possible?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰ Jesus replied, “You’re a teacher of Israel, and you still don’t understand these matters?

¹¹ “The truth of the matter is, we’re talking about what we know; we’re testifying about what we’ve seen—yet you don’t accept our testimony.

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

SERMON: “Lent – Being Blessed to be a Blessing!”

Hewitt Holmes

Silent Reflection

CHORAL ANTHEM: MV#106 “I Am the Dream”

PASTORAL PRAYERS (*offering blessing included...*)

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (Kum Ba Yah Version)

SANDRA RUTTAN/Choir

WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Lent makes us relatives of God, members of the blessings we exercise:
The blessing of friendship shared with those who are excluded,
and of solidarity with those who fight injustice...

^HYMN: VU#633 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

^BENEDICTION

Hewitt Holmes

CLOSING SONG: VU#964 "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE: "Count Your Blessings" by Shelton Ridge Love

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

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Welcome to Worship at Collier Street United Church.

WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN 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

Rob Murdock – Ministry Candidate – Director of Programs

Sandra Lisa Ruttan – Music Director

Choir – Music leadership

Terry Tizzard, Mark Sporich, and Ken Buisman – Audio & Visual Projections