



LENT



COLLIER
—CENTRED—
with God • in Barrie • on You

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19th, 2023 – 10:30 am

The Lenten Journey

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God is for us and with us all the time.

We respond to our ever-present God with worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Elegy” by Frank Ritter

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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

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

WELCOME & NEWS

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

God’s creative goodness goes way beyond our understanding.

We respond to our generous God with thanksgiving.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

God invites us to sing a new song.

We will rejoice with joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

We will praise God with openness and creativity.

This is the day to worship God!

This is the day to do the works that praise and honor God!

Taught By Love, Worship Resources For Year A, Lavon Baylor

*HYMN VU#405 "New Every Morning" v. 1,2,3

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Silence

^WORDS OF RESTORATION:

The goodness and mercy of God in Christ are always available to us.

We will receive these gifts.

We are sorry for the bad things we have done.

We open ourselves to the richness of God in Christ's forgiveness.

*CHORAL RESPONSE: MV#118 "Me Alone"

When we let God touch our unseeing eyes,

we gain new insights and can begin to view others with the compassion of Christ.

We will accept with joy the healing and restoration we are offered right here, right now.

WE GROW TOGETHER

God calls us into the faith community.

We respond to the God who unites us, with support and service.

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Inclusive Bible) Marion Tizzard

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

¹ YHWH said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve for Saul since I rejected him as ruler of Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. For I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem, for I have chosen my ruler from among his children."

² But Samuel replied, "How can I go? For if Saul learns about it, I will be murdered." YHWH replied, "Take a heifer with you: I am sending you to Jesse. Tell him that you came to offer a sacrifice to YHWH,

³ and invite Jesse to the sacrifice. Then I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me my selection."

⁴ Samuel did what YHWH said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met Samuel. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel said, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to YHWH. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his children and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, and Samuel saw Eliab, and said to himself, "Surely, God's anointed stands here before YHWH."

⁷ But YHWH said to Samuel, "Pay no attention to appearance and height; I have rejected him. YHWH does not see as mortals see; mortals see only appearances but YHWH sees into the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab to pass before Samuel, who said, "No. YHWH has not chosen this one."

⁹ Next came Shammah, but Samuel said, "Not this one either."

¹⁰ Seven sons were presented to Samuel by Jesse, who said, "YHWH has not chosen any of these."

¹¹ Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse said, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until the lad arrives."

¹² So they sent for the boy, a ruddy youth with bright eyes, and handsome to behold. YHWH said, "Rise and anoint this one."

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed the boy in the presence of his brothers, and from that day forward the Spirit of YHWH came upon David and was with him. Then Samuel set out on his way to Ramah.

¹⁴ The Spirit of YHWH then departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from YHWH tormented him.

¹⁵ Saul's attendants said to Saul, "See, an evil spirit from God torments you."

¹⁶ You should order your attendants to search for someone who can play the harp, which will sooth your mind when the evil spirit from God is upon you. And you will feel better."

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

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Light a Candle For Peace" by Shelley Murley (featuring children's voices)

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Lent – Becoming What God Sees!" *Hewitt Holmes*

Silent Reflection

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS *(offering blessing included)*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (TRADITIONAL with inclusive) *SANDRA RUTTAN/Choir*

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

God shows us the complex needs of our world.

We respond by bringing change, as we follow the life pattern of Jesus Christ.

^HYMN: VU#643 "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" v. 1,2,5 (tune VU444)

^BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: VU#964 “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “My Jesus, I Love You” arr. Marilyn Ham

(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

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