

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Toccata and Fugue” Italian anonymous

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

Hewitt Holmes

RESPONSE: VU #87 “I am the Light of the World” Chorus

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

“When we say ‘Asian American/Canadian’ we are talking about so much more than can be fit in a single stereotype.”— Ijeoma Oluo,

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Hewitt Holmes

Come, people of God, come.

We come with our fears and anxieties,

with your joys and tranquilities,

come and listen,

come and receive,

for this is a day of new beginnings.

As rushing wind and tongues of fire,

as a gentle breath of inhaled air,

we come and to accept the Holy Spirit

so that we can proclaim

Christ as Liberator and Redeemer

Come, people of God, come to worship!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Hewitt Holmes

***HYMN:** VU#194 “Filled with the Spirit’s Power”

SILENCE

WORDS OF RENEWAL:

Hewitt Holmes

Like a mother eagle who tends her young;
like a father who runs to welcome home the estranged;
like a rock upon which we stand,

**God is loving and faithful, forgives, and redeems all our sins.
Through Christ, we have the strength to love and forgive creation.
Thanks be to God; we are co-creators of love.
Amen.**

RESPONSE: VU #195 “On Pentecost They Gathered” v.1

WE GROW TOGETHER

“Life isn’t perfect; any failures you have are actually learning moments. They teach us how to grow and evolve.”
— Phillipa Soo

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-11, 43-47 (Inclusive Bible)

Donna Martin

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

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room.

² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting.

³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one.

⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,

⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken.

⁷ They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans!

⁸ How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue?

⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—

¹¹ all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

⁴³ A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles.

⁴⁴ Those who believed lived together, shared all things in common;

⁴⁵ they would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need.

⁴⁶ They met in the Temple and they broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common,

⁴⁷ praising God and winning the approval of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Sing With the Spirit!" trad. Spirituals arr. J.A. Sha

SERMON: "The Church – A Pentecostal Community of Workers!" *Hewitt Holmes*

WE RESPOND TOGETHER

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly spoke God's word.

ENCIRCLING PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD *(to include offering prayers)*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS VU 960

SANDRA RUTTAN

WE GO TO BE GOD'S COMMUNITY

"I intend to live life, not just exist."— George Takei

HYMN: VU 207 "Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth"

BENEDICTION

^CLOSING BLESSING: MV#218 "May the Love of the Lord"

SANDRA RUTTAN/CHOIR

PIANO POSTLUDE: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (quoting Beethoven) arr. Dino

SANDRA RUTTAN

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



Asian Heritage Month

A Prayer in Bisaya for Asian Heritage Month



The Rev. Ronnie Magano offers a prayer in Bisaya (also known as Cebuano or Cebu), an Austronesian language spoken in the southern Philippines. An English version follows below.

Sa among pag-saulog niining Asian Heritage Month,

dawata ang among mga pagpasalamat diha sa madagaya-on nga nagkada-iyang cultura sa Asya, nga mas gipalambo dinhi sa yuta nga among gitawag ug kaugaling-nan.

Nangaliya kami, alang niadtong nag-gikan sa lain-laing dapit sa Asya, nga unta dawaton sila ug pasidunggan ang ilang mithi nga gika-tampo sa ilang katilingban.

Hinaot unta, nga makakat-on kami sa usa ug usa, ug mutubo ang pag-sinabtanay ug respeto. Nangaliyupo kami sa Imong pag-giya, ug paglig-on, diha sa among hagit pag-atubang sa mga rasahon ug diskriminasyon nga nakaapekto sa mga katilingban nga Asyan dinhi nga nasud Canada ug sa ubang dapit sa kalibutan.

Hinao-t nga magka-hiusa kami sa pag-panday ug usa ka mabulukon ug makiangayon nga katilingban, diin ang tanang taw, tahuron ug respetuhon.

Nangaliya kami nga unta maalim ang mga samad niadtong nakasinati sa mga pag-dumot ug dahas. Makakita unta sila ug suporta ug kapasilungan diha sa ilang mga komunidad.

Among pangayo-on ang Imong bendisyon alang niadtong padayon nga nag-panday-dugtong sa mga nagka-daiyang kultura ug komunidad.

Hinaot nga molambu ang ilang mga paningkamot alang sa pag-sabot, kalooy, ug panag-hiusa. Niining bulan sa pagsaulog, makakat-on unta kami sa usa ug usa, ug mutubo, ug padayon nga mag-saulog sa mga tampo ug amot kanamo nga mga Asyano nga Canadiano. Amen!

English Version

As we celebrate this Asian Heritage Month, receive our thanksgiving,

O God, for the abundance of diverse cultures from Asia even in this land we call Canada.

We pray for those who have come from various places in Asia, that they may be accepted and the values they contributed to different Canadian communities will be honored.

May we learn from one another and grow in respect and understanding.

We pray, O God, for your guidance and strength as we face the challenges of racial discrimination that affects the diverse the diverse Asian communities in this country and other parts of the world. May we be one in building a colourful and just society, where all peoples are honored and respected.

We also ask your Spirit for the healing of the wounds of those who experienced hatred and violence.

May they find support and shelter in their communities they deem safe.

We ask for your blessing for those who continue to build connections between different cultures and communities.

And may their efforts, O God, contribute richly toward harmony, compassion and justice.

In this celebration month, may we learn from one another, grow and continue to celebrate our contribution as Asian-descent peoples in this country.

Amen.

— Rev. Ronnie Magno is originally from Cebu Conference Inc., of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and currently serves at Grace-St. Andrew's United Church, Arnprior ON. █