



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost, September 3rd 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

Labour Day Weekend - Season of Creation

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God, before time began...

The love of God flows like a stream into the ocean of your Grace.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Song of Rejoicing by R.J. Hughes

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: MV#26 "Your Love is Amazing" (v. 1 and chorus)

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

God, after all, time ends...

The Love of God is patient and kind, bringing wholeness and true peace.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Love shatters us and rebuilds us anew.

love encompasses us and protects us.

Love reforms us from violence and power-seeking.

Love makes us compassionate.

Love teaches us to walk in a new way, a beautiful way.

The way of love leads us to worship.

*HYMN: VU#273 "The King of Love" v. 1,2,4,6

SANDRA RUTTAN

^OPENING PRAYER

Hewitt Holmes

God our Creator,
you are alive:

**in the singing of geese flying south,
in the leaves gently stirring in the breeze,
in the stars that dance at night.**

Jesus, Brother to the poor,
you are in our midst:

**in the lap of a grandmother,
in the cries of a newborn,
in the stillness of dawn.**

Spirit of God,
you make all our places holy:

**the classrooms where we toil,
the sidewalks where we meet neighbors,
the grass in our backyards.**

God in Community, Holy in One,

**make us aware of your presence in every moment,
we pray in the name of eternal love, Jesus Christ – Amen.**

SILENCE

^WORDS FOR THE RENEWED:

The love of God offers to us
forgiveness,
encouragement,
liberty,
from all that binds us;

**therefore, we join our prayers,
rising
as a fragrant offering
to the heart of the divine.**

Stream meets stream
and river flows,
emptying into Ocean's store.

We are renewed and made whole.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

SANDRA RUTTAN

WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAY

God of the present moment...

Your Love brings life to dead souls, light to dark minds, and strength to weak wills.

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-27 & 1 John 4:7-12 (Inclusive Bible) *Anne Snell*

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

¹ Alleluia! Give thanks to YHWH, and call on God's Name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to God; sing praise, and tell of all God's marvels!

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek YHWH rejoice!

⁴ Turn to YHWH to God's strength and seek God's presence constantly.

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done the wonders performed and the judgments pronounced

⁶ you descendants of Sarah and Abraham, God's faithful ones,

²³ Then Israel migrated to Egypt, and settled in the land of Ham.

²⁴ YHWH made the people fertile and more numerous than their oppressors,

²⁵ whose hearts were turned to detest God's people and to conspire against God's faithful.

²⁶ God sent Moses, Miriam and Aaron, God's faithful chosen ones,

²⁷ and they performed God's miracles among them God's wonders in the land of Ham.

^{1 John 4:7} Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God.

⁸ Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love.

⁹ God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One.

¹⁰ Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us.

This is life-giving Word, for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Creation Season – The Love of God" Hewitt Holmes

SILENCE

PIANO ANTHEM: "The Love of God is Greater Far" arr. Marty Parks SANDRA RUTTAN

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*God of the future days,
Your love encircles this world and displays your faithfulness.*

PRAYERS FOR OFFERING AND OTHERS Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (Kum Ba Yah Version) SANDRA RUTTAN

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*God is present in all days,
as all things pass and fade away, Your Love remains eternally.*

^HYMN: VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" v. 1,2,3 SANDRA RUTTAN

^BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: VU#884 "You Shall Go Out" SANDRA RUTTAN

PIANO POSTLUDE: "Praise Him, Praise Him" arr. Cindy Berry

(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
Senior Choir – Music leadership
Terry Tizzard and Jessica Wenzel – Audio & Visual Projections