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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14th, 2024 – 10:30 am

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

God's Word calls us to thanksgiving.

“Give thanks to God; God is good, and God's love is eternal.”

ORGAN PRELUDE: Intermezzo (from Miniature Suite for Organ) -- Healey Willan

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hewitt Holmes



For thousands of years, there have been people here. 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, Huron-Wandat and Inuit.

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

LIGHTING OF THE WORSHIP CANDLE

RESPONSE: MV# 30 “It's a Song of Praise” (v. 3)

IT'S A SONG OF PRAISE

WELCOME & NEWS

Hewitt Holmes

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

God's Word calls us to praise.

“Praise God! All who serve God, all who worship in God's house.”

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

***HYMN:** VU#345 "Come, Children Join to Sing"

MADRID

^OPENING PRAYER:

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God of the analogue and God of the digital,
thank you for bringing us together to worship you today,

**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south,
both in-person and online.**

God of the noise and God of the quiet,

**please empty any distractions from our hearts
and from our minds today,
so that we can focus on you and on your Word.**

Silence

God of joy and God of energy,

Please peel back the layers of our egos

and expose that part of your Holy Spirit that dwells inside us.

**Please fill us with the energy we need to worship you –
to sing our hymns, to tap our toes,
and to dance around
if your Spirit moves us in that way. Amen.**

Silence

^WORDS FOR A FRESH START:

The God of Easter gives us a new resolve to think, speak, and act faithfully.
God wants us to have a fresh start.

Pardon and peace will be ours!

Thanks be to Christ, we are given a fresh start.

Amen.

RESPONSE: VU# 958 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

CARIBBEAN

WE GROW TOGETHER

God’s Word calls us to the community of faith.

“How wonderful it is, how pleasant for God’s people to live together in harmony.”

^WORDS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 4 & 1 John 3:1-7 (Inclusive Bible) Robin Milani

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

¹ Answer me when I call, God of my justice! Give me relief from my distress!

² Have mercy! Hear my prayer! How long will you people dishonor me before God? How long will you love delusion and pursue lies?

——Selah——

³ Know that those who love YHWH have been set apart by divine will YHWH will hear me when I call!

⁴ Tremble, and stop your sinning; search your heart, alone and silent in your room.

⁵ Offer sacrifices of justice, and put your trust in YHWH.

⁶ So many are asking, “Does good even exist anymore?” Let the light of your face, YHWH, shine on us!

⁷ You put joy in my heart—a joy greater than being full of bread and new wine.

⁸ In peace I’ll lie down; in peace I will sleep: for you alone, YHWH, keep me perfectly safe.

¹ **John 3:1** See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God.

² My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is.

³ All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

⁴ Anyone who sins at all breaks the Law, because to sin is to break the Law.

⁵ Now, you know that Christ, who is sinless, appeared to abolish sin.

⁶ So everyone who lives in union with Christ does not continue to sin, but whoever continues to sin has never seen or known Christ.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray; to live a holy life is to be holy, just as Christ is holy.

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

SERMON: "Easter being and living"

Hewitt Holmes

CHORAL ANTHEM: Christ is atonement, the Paschal victim – Patrick Wedd

Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness in Christ and creation.

Out of the bounty with which God has blessed us, let us present to God our offering with gratitude that overflows.

DOXOLOGY, VU# 541 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (SUNG)

JAMAICAN/CARIBBEAN

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

God's Word calls us to freedom and justice.

"God hears the groans of the prisoners and sets free those who are doomed to die."

^HYMN: VU#164 "The Day of Resurrection"

ELLACOMBE

^BENEDICTION

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

TREES OF THE FIELD

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude (on a melody by Melchior Vulpius -- Healey Willan

(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

John Charles – Organ Supply

Choir – Music Leadership

Terry Tizzard, and Jessica Wenzel – Audio & Visual Projections