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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024 – 10:30 am

*You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

“Sing a new song unto the Lord!”

ORGAN PRELUDE: Saraband (For the morning of Easter) – Herbert Howells

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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# 2 “Come All You People”

WELCOME & NEWS

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

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

SHARON SAINT

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN: VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

HYMN TO JOY

^OPENING PRAYER

DAVE LORD

Lord God, you are worthy of all praise;

We thank you for the gift of music to lift our hearts and enhance our worship.

May we know what it is to be lost in the wonder of your praise,

and come at last to the place where angels and archangels

and all the choirs of heaven sing your praise for evermore,

In Jesus' name, Amen.

^WORDS OF NEW LIFE:

DAVE LORD

We were made to praise. Created in God's image, formed by his hand, unique works of art reflecting his glory, his creativity, his love into the world. And so, with all that is within us, we lift our voices in praise:

"Creation sings the Father's song. He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship;

Tell the wonders of creation's King."

*HYMN: VU#226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"(v.1-3)

DIX, VU#81

MUSIC MOMENTS WITH THE CONGREGATION

"Jesus Loves Me" VU #365 Using instruments.

**“Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! (Part 1)
Praise Ye the Lord” (Part 2) Sing Twice**

**Praise Ye the Lord (Part 2) Hallelujah (Part 1) Sing Twice
Praise Ye the Lord Everyone**

^WORDS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 3:16-17, Ephesians 5:18b-19, Mark 14:26 & Luke 15:25

AUDREY EDDY

Scriptures show us that music was a common part of worship of the true God. These Bible verses tell us that there are many reasons why we should praise God.

Let us listen to hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Colossians 3: 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him.

Ephesians 5: 18b -19 Be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,

Singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

Mark 14:26 When they had sung the hymns they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 15:25 Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

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

REFLECTION: The Roles of Music in Worship

ANNE SNELL

***CHORAL ANTHEM:** Truly, He comes to us -- Melody Antiphoner, Paris, 1681

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

IAN KNOX

Thank you for the music all around us.
Each morning we hear it from the moment we open our ears;
the low notes of wind around the eaves,
the whoosh of water as it comes from the tap,
the glug glug as it drains,
the throaty whistle of the boiling kettle,
the metallic tap of the spoon against the cup,
the jazz percussion of our feet on the steps.
The sounds of our day,
so familiar we hardly pay attention.
Thank you for the ability to hear.

**Thank you for the sounds of life:
the chatter of the squirrel,
the deep purr of a cat,
the sharp calls of a blue jay,
the sound of someone we love laughing.
Give us wisdom to enter this day with good sounds,
tones and pitches and words that affirm, encourage, cherish,
our sounds affecting the world in a positive way.**

We pray for all who sing a sad song today;
the grieving, the lonely, the lost.
We pray especially for those who have lost their voice
and feel silenced or oppressed.
There are many singing freedom songs around our world,
and so today we pray for the safety of these singers.
Give their song the strength to convince and convert,
the power to ward off war.
There are too many war songs,
we don't want to hear another one.

**Thank you for your songs, love songs, which we are invited to sing.
Thank you for all the parts you've made for the song;
soprano, alto, tenor, bass.
Thank you for the children's part and the senior's part,
thank you for the youth part and the part for middle agers,
thank you for the crazy baby descant
that we all love to hear.**

You are the Great Composer .
We long to be composed each day in your image,
singing your elegant score truly, clearly,

following your rhythm by heart,
finding our voice in your beautiful world.
Hearing you in the music of life.
This is our prayer. Amen.

PRAYER OF JESUS (VU 960 SUNG)

***POEM:** "Rekindle the Gift" (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

ROBIN MILANI

You have a treasure in you
 a seed of glory planted from stars,
 a song written for only you to sing.
You have gifts to give.
The treasure is buried,
 and it may take some digging to recover.
The song is forgotten, but still hidden in your bones.
Nothing that happens to you can remove it,
 no fear or shame destroy it,
 no failure ruin it. It is who you are.
Rekindle the gift.
Listen for the quiet voice, the Spirit of Life singing in you.
Listen... and sing.
 Tune your life to its melody.
 Let it sing in you, let it sing you into life.
Rekindle the gift that is God within you.
 Give God this joy— for it is God who is singing.

^HYMN: MV#30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (v. 1-4)

^BENEDICTION:

May the songs of the angels sustain you, may the praises of the saints inspire you, may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE: VU# 884 "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

TREES OF THE FIELD

POSTLUDE: Fantasia on "O Filii et Filiae" -- Gilbert M. Martin

"Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark."

(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

Anne Snell – Worship Leader

John Charles – Organ Supply

Choir – Music Leadership

Terry Tizzard, and Jessica Wenzel – Audio & Visual Projections
