



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:30 am*

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

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** Sonata in G (1st Movement) --Beethoven

Colleen Dearham

### 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" (chorus & v. 1) **IT'S A SONG OF PRAISE**

### WELCOME & NEWS

*Hewitt Holmes*

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

### WE PRAISE AND PRAY

**We come to worship because we seek to abide in Christ, the true vine.**

### ^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Come to worship  
as spring breaks through winter's power,

**God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.**

Come to celebrate  
as the vine supports blossoms and fruit,

**God's Word upholds the church in strength.**

We worship God who makes all things new.

**We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.**

**\*HYMN:** VU#218 "We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

**^OPENING PRAYER:**

*Hewitt Holmes*

*Silence*

**^WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Divine Gardener,  
You tend us in steadfast love,  
Unending mercies and eternal faithfulness;  
you cultivate true friendship with us  
through boundless forgiveness.

**In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.**

**Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith,**

**with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us,**

**we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE:** VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

CARIBBEAN

**WE GROW TOGETHER**

*We are branches rooted in the vine of Christ.*

**^WORDS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 22:25-31& Acts 8:26-40 (Inclusive Bible)

Dave Lord

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

<sup>25</sup> You are the theme of my praise in the Great Assembly, and I will fulfill my vows in the presence of your worshipers.

**<sup>26</sup> Those, who are poor, will eat and be satisfied, those who seek you will give you praise—long life to their hearts!**

<sup>27</sup> The whole earth, from one end to the other, will remember and come back to you; all the families of the nations will bow down to you.

**<sup>28</sup> For yours is the kingdom, you Ruler of nations!**

<sup>29</sup> Those who had feasted and devoured the poor—now they'll bow down; the most affluent in the land will kneel before you. They all go down to the dust and none can keep themselves alive.

**<sup>30</sup> But my children will be faithful to you, and they will be told about YHWH for generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup> They will come and proclaim your justice to a people yet unborn: "All this YHWH has done!"

**Acts 8:26** An angel of God spoke to Philip and said, "Be ready to set out at noon along the road that goes to Gaza, the desert road."

<sup>27</sup> So Philip began his journey. It happened that an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official in charge of the entire treasury of Candace, the ruler of Ethiopia, had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage

<sup>28</sup> and was returning home. He was sitting in his carriage and reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup> The Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and meet that carriage."

<sup>30</sup> When Philip ran up, he heard the eunuch reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," the eunuch replied, "unless someone explains it to me?" With that, he invited Philip to get in the carriage with him.

<sup>32</sup> This was the passage of scripture being read: “You are like a sheep being led to slaughter, you are like a lamb that is mute in front of its shearers: like them, you never open your mouth.

<sup>33</sup> You have been humiliated and have no one to defend you. Who will ever talk about your descendants, since your life on earth has been cut short?”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch said to Philip, “Tell me, if you will, about whom the prophet is talking—himself or someone else?”

<sup>35</sup> So Philip proceeded to explain the Good News about Jesus to him.

<sup>36</sup> Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, there is some water right there. Is there anything to keep me from being baptized?”

<sup>38</sup> He ordered the carriage to stop; then Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

<sup>39</sup> When they came out of the water, the Spirit of God snatched Philip away; the eunuch didn’t see him anymore, and went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup> Philip found himself at Ashdod next, and he went about proclaiming the Good News in all the towns, until he came to Caesarea.

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

**PEW TALK:** “Easter Detours”

*Hewitt Holmes*

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** “Thou Hallowed Chosen Morn of Praise”

adapt. & harm. By Johann Hermann Schein

**While Easter is unfolding, the gifts of spring emerge around us to remind us of God’s generosity in Christ and in creation. As we present our gifts to God, may our generosity reflect God’s goodness to us and our hope for abundant life in Christ Jesus.**

**DOXOLOGY,** VU# 541 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

*Hewitt Holmes*

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** (VU, pg. 914, SPOKEN using inclusive language)

**WE GO TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY**

**The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.  
We go into the community long to share our vibrant spirituality and active faith.**

**^HYMN:** VU#633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” **THORNBURY**

**^BENEDICTION** *Hewitt Holmes*

**CLOSING SONG:** VU# 884 “You Shall Go Out With Joy” **TREES OF THE FIELD**

**POSTLUDE:** Sonata in G (2nd Movement) – Beethoven **Colleen Dearham**

*(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