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Lent I

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**Meditation:** “You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.” Joyce Meyer

**Welcome:** to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing. Please speak to our sound technician. **Coffee and Tea** are available at the back of the church, after the service. Please read along if text is **bold** and *italic*.

## We Gather in God's Name

**Introit:** Jesus, Stand Among Us (396)

### **Announcements**

**Prelude:** Swing Low, Sweet Chariot - Dick Howey

### **Call to Worship:**

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

***Repent, and turn back to God.***

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

***Repent, and turn back to God.***

Turn away from greed and the race for power

***Repent, and turn back to God.***

As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

***May we seek forgiveness,***

***may we seek healing,***

***may we seek wholeness.***

***May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.***

\* **Hymn:** Forty Days and Forty Nights (114)

## **Opening Prayer:**

Loving Jesus, You showed us the way into life.

You resisted the temptations of the world to satisfy one's own desires and instead looked to what God desired for you.

You resisted the temptation to test God, to wait for God to act before acting in faithfulness;

instead, You remained faithful to God.

And You resisted the temptation for greed and power, instead, living a life for others, serving the lost and the least, lifting up the poor and the oppressed, and welcoming the marginalized.

***May we look to You as the example for our lives.***

***May we empty ourselves of the desires of the world and instead seek what our Creator desires for us.***

***May we remember in You we are a new creation, and that Your intent for us is love and life.***

***May we live into Your intention for us.***

***In Your name we pray. Amen.***

\* **Sung Prayer of Confession:** Because You Came (MV 64)

1. Because you came and sat beside us,  
because you came and heard us speak,  
and we ignored you and we refused you,  
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Because you laughed and loved the childlike,  
because you lived from day to day,  
and we love status and steady money,  
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Because our peace was your agenda,  
because you wept to see us war,  
and we love power, and winning battles,  
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Because your Cross compels an answer,  
because your love absorbs our sin,  
and we are wounded because we wound you,  
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Because you came on Easter morning,  
because you come at Pentecost,  
and in the Spirit, we are forgiven,  
we live to praise you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Anthem:** On Eagle's Wings

**Theme Presentation**

**Minute for Mission** Wendy Gallant

### **We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 4:1-11  
(NT, pg 3, Marie-Therese O'Sullivan)

**Message:** Turn It Around

### **Lenten Call to a Holy fast and a Holy Feast**

And so I call us to a holy fast...and a holy feast  
in each day of this Lenten season ahead.

Let us...

***fast from worry  
and feast on trust in God,  
fast from complaining,  
and feast on appreciation,  
fast from negatives  
and feast on affirmatives. Amen***

\* **Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (684)

### **We Respond to God**

## Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

### Offertory

\* **Doxology**: (541)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

\* **Offertory Prayer**:

***Teacher God,  
show us how to turn  
our grieving into blessing,  
our despair into rejoicing,  
and our receiving into giving,  
so we may turn this world around  
for those with the greatest needs.  
Amen***

\* **Hymn**: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me (635)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**: (110)

**God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your holy will.  
*Keep our feet firmly in the way  
where Christ leads us;  
help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us;  
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.  
In his holy name we pray. Amen.***

\* **Sung Response**: (431)

Sing amen:

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

Sing amen:

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

Sing amen:

**Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Postlude**

**In memory of the Barnes and Boland families.**