



**Hope is being able to see  
that there is light despite  
all of the darkness.**

*Desmond Tutu*

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**Meditation:** “The only thing worse than being blind, is having sight but no vision.”  
Helen Keller

**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. Please join in the reading if it is **bold** and *italic*. Coffee and Tea are available at the back of the church, after the service.

### **We Gather in God’s Name**

**Introit:** Open My Eyes that I May See (371, vs 1 and 2)

Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my heart the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### **Announcements**

**Prelude** "I will trust" by Lauren Daigle  
Brenda Hamilton & Lynka Franci

## **A Lenten Call to a Holy Fast and a Holy Feast**

**Let us...**

***fast from self-concern, and feast on compassion for others,  
fast from discontent, and feast on gratitude,  
fast from bitterness, and feast on forgiveness.***

**Prayer of Approach:** Psalm 23 (King James version)

***The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.  
Amen***

**Anthem:** Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

### **Theme Presentation**

**Minute for Mission** "Care for Creation", Wendy Gallant

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

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (NT, p 194, Gail Wyse)

**Message:** Clearing Our Eyes for God's Work: John 9:1-41

**Music Offering:** "God's Mercy", Mary-Lou Hulan & Minnie

\* **Hymn**: We Are One (402)

## **Communion**

### **Invitation**

### **Blessing and Distribution**

(Diane Tupper, Barry Meredith, Lana Czelenski and Dori Jensen)

### **Prayer After Communion**

### **We Respond to God**

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

### **Offertory**

\* **Doxology**: God of All Good (539, verse 1)

God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will.

\* **Offertory Prayer**:

God of vision, God of light,  
*open our minds to know your will,*  
*open our hearts to respond with compassion,*  
*open our mouths to speak your word,*  
*open our hands to demonstrate your love. Amen*

\* **Hymn**: Here I Am Lord (509)

## **Commissioning and Benediction:**

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:** (371, verse 3)

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## **Postlude**