

A child can teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires.

~ Paulo Coelho

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Father's Day

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Meditation: *“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.”*

– Robert Brault

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 read along if text is **bold** and *italic*, and sing along to the hymns.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: In the Garden

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses...

Refrain:

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing...

(refrain)

I'd stay in the garden with Him
'Tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe

His voice to me is calling...
(refrain)

Announcements

Prelude: I Will Remember You – Rev. Jim

Theme Reading: “A Family Is”

*A family is...*a deeply rooted tree with branches of different strengths and receiving nourishment from an infinite source.

*A family is...*where character is formed, values are learned, ethics are created, and society is preserved.

*A family is...*where all members contribute and share, co-operate and work, and accept their responsibilities toward the good of the group.

*A family is...*where holidays are celebrated with feasting, birthdays are acknowledged with gifts, and thoughts of days gone by kept alive with fond remembrance.

*A family is...*where each can find solace and comfort in grief, pleasure and laughter in joy, and kindness and encouragement in everyday living.

*A family is...*a haven of rest, a sanctuary of peace, and most of all a harbour of love.

Call to Worship: Come In, Come In and Sit Down (395)

Prayer of Approach: This is My Father’s World

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world;
I rest me in the thought -
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,

declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.

**This is my Father's world;
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

Theme Presentation

Minute for Mission

Hymn: Amazing Grace (266)

Theme Reading:

*Family happens...*when honesty may lead to a deeper bond
or to separation or divorce.

...when children are nurtured with affection
or are abused emotionally or physically.

...when a single parent, a dad or a mom...continues on.

...when a big brother or big sister shares companionship
with a needy child.

...when anger and resentments get expressed openly
as part of our offering to another.

...when parents and children cherish the memory
of a child who has died.

...when a husband or wife dies and leaves you
with a burden to bear alone.

...when a 'teen' get into 'trouble' and you get into
and go through the trouble with her or him.

...when you choose to family me and I choose to family you.
...when the church becomes your family.

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

(refrain)

Let our heart touch far horizons,
son encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

(refrain)

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

(refrain)

Anthem: Whispering Hope

Theme Reading:

Family happened... where Jesus grew up.

...was what Jesus left behind in His journey toward maturity.

...was what Jesus called His friends... "*you who are fully alive to God's glory are my brother, my sister, my mother.*"

...was what Jesus, at His death, asked a friend to share in with His mother.

Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary
(refrain)

In the old rugged Cross, stain'd with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above
To pardon and sanctify me.
(refrain)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.
(refrain)

Theme Reading:

Family happens... more in life's storms than in the harbours.
...more in the pain than in the peace.
...more in emotions expressed than feelings repressed.
...more in faults and mistakes...acknowledged than ignored.

Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past (806)

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Hymn: Psalm 23 (747)

Theme Reading:

Family happens when men and women affirm in faith their common personhood as children of God who is the source of our being, the Mother/Father of us all, The Spirit that Fathers us with forgiveness and Mothers us with love...

Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers (580)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Hymn: Psalm 91, On Eagle's Wings (808)

Offertory Hymn: How Great Thou Art (238)
(to be sung as the offering is received.)

* **Doxology:** (238 refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.

* **Offertory Prayer:** (218, verse 1)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

* **Commissioning and Benediction:**

Climb Every Mountain - Dick Howey and Mary-Lou Hulan
with Helen Hutcheson accompanying.

* **Sung Response**: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather
over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

When the roll, is called up yon-der,
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When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

Postlude

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