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Meditation: The ruins of an ancient temple remain sacred to the present day.

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*.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Come and Find the Quiet Centre (374)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship :

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We come to this place as a people in need.

We come with bodies that are broken and bruised.

We come to this place believing in your power to heal.

We come with hearts that ache and souls that cry.

We come to this place in search of healing and wholeness.

We come in search of you, O Christ!

Come let us worship our God

* **Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus (664)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty Creator and Holy Lord, you know better than anyone the mysteries of the universe and the ordinary cares of human existence. You sit in the heavens, majestic and magnificent yet you also walk beside us, as we journey through life's troubles. How wonderful it is that we can take our every weakness and bring it to you in prayer. How amazing it is that we can call you friend. We confess that we have not always walked with others as you walk with us. Forgive us. Help us to be your hands and

your feet as we do your work for the Kingdom. Help us to speak your love as we meet others on the journey. Amen

Words of Assurance:

Oh what needless pain we bear. Christ's healing power was released on the world to heal the afflicted and bring wholeness to all who believed. And it is with us today, here in this place! Let us each be healed according to our needs.

Thanks be to God for the grace of healing.

We Hear God's Word

Music Offering

Theme Presentation

Scripture: Leviticus 21:17-23

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

Message: Disabled God

Moment of Meditation

* **Hymn:** Praise My Soul the God of Heaven (240)

We Respond to God

* **Prayer of Dedication:**

God of Grace, we thank you for the gifts of healing you have given. You have touched our bodies and our hearts and declared us clean in your sight! May these gifts we give today be blessed to your good will, allowing us to heal those who seek your name. Amen

Offertory

* **Doxology:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust (544)

Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer: Come to My Heart (661)

Prayers for the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth in God's Word

* **Hymn**: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (326 (tune 29))

* **Commissioning**:

As we go out into the world, Let our tongues sing, let our eyes see, let our limbs dance. We are a healed and forgiven people! Grant us the grace to be your hands and your feet, Oh Christ, healing one another in your name and declaring one another clean!

* **Benediction**

* **Sung Response**: Arise, Your Light Has Come (79)

Postlude