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Sunday Worship

Britannia United Church
10:15am

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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*.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Come, You Thankful People Come (516)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Come, Holy Spirit, breath divine

Open us for your presence

Refresh and give life to all who are exhausted and tired

Drive away fear out of our hearts

Come, Holy Spirit, love divine

Wake up our longing, create new beginnings among us

God, our mother and father, creator of humanity in your own image, loving foundation and heart of all beings, we are gathered here before you. Let us pray for everyone around the world so that they may be blessed.

***Hymn:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand (670)

Opening Prayer:

Lord God, teach us, we beseech you, to ask for the right blessings. Steer our life towards you and strengthen us in the challenges of life. Show us the way we should go. Renew willing spirits within us. Let your Spirit curb our wayward senses, and guide and enable us unto that which is our true good, to keep your commandments, and in all our works evermore to rejoice in your glorious and gladdening

presence. For thine is the glory and praise from all your people for ever and every. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
(OT, pg 577, Sue Fowler-Dacey)

Music Offering Barry Meredith

Theme Presentation

Scripture: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Message: Search Me, Lord

* **Hymn:** There is Room for All (MV 62)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Introit

Offertory Prayer:

***O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom,
We know that all we have received has been from your
hand.***

***You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the
caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.***

***Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to
share them generously.***

***May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus
Christ in our lives. Amen***

* **Doxology:** For the Gift of Creation (538)

We Go Forth in God's Word

Commissioning and Benediction

Let us keep the Scriptures in mind and meditate upon them day and night, preserving in prayer, always on the watch.

Let us beg the Lord to give us real knowledge of what we read and to show us not only how to understand it but how to put it into practice, so that we may deserve to obtain spiritual grace, enlightenment by the law of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose power and glory will endure throughout the ages. Amen

* **Sung Response:** Abide with Me (436)

Postlude