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Sunday Service

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10:15 a.m.

Meditation: “We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.”
- Francis de Sales, 1567-1622

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: (333, verses 1 and 2)
Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as they hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (adapted from 1 John 4:18)

There is no fear found in the Love of God.

The perfect Love of God casts all fear aside.

We come to worship today, seeking that perfect Love of God.

We will practice that perfect Love of God in our worship,

so that we can share that Love in all we do.

Together, let us worship God!

Hymn: Wonderful Love (574)

Opening Prayer: (inspired by 1 John 4:7-21)

***Lord of All, we confess that we say
that we love our sisters and brothers in Christ,
but we do not always show that love.***

***Our words speak of the love we have for our neighbours,
but sometimes our actions tell a very different story.***

Forgive us, God. Teach us to love as you love,

***so that we may more faithfully demonstrate
our love for you, through our love of all others. Amen***

Theme Presentation

Music Offering: Kathy Banville and Rev. Jim

Jesus Loves Me / O How He Loves You and Me

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: I John 4:7-12

Scripture Hymn: Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Beloved, let us love one another,

For love is of God, and everyone that loveth
is born of God and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another. I John 4:7 and 8!

Message: Living Love (I Corinthians 13)

I John 3:16-20, I John 4:16b, I John 4:18a,b, I John 4:19-21

* **Hymn**: It Only Takes a Spark (289)

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**:

Loving God,

***we want to show that you are our God
by loving others more perfectly.***

***Bless these gifts, that they might be
a reflection of your love.***

And please bless us

***as we seek to follow Jesus' example
in treating others with love.***

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn**: I've Got Peace Like a River (577)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God is love, and when we love one another, we love God. God's love is very near to us when we are caring for our neighbours in need. There are always opportunities to love our neighbour, and in doing so, we turn back to God's ways. Go into the world knowing God's love and forgiveness, and extend the same love and forgiveness to others. Amen.

* **Sung Response**: (333, verse 3)

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Postlude