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**Sunday Service      September 10, 2017      10:15 a.m.**

**Meditation:** In our imaginations we believe that love is apart from us. Actually there is nothing but love, once we are ready to accept it. When you truly find love, you find yourself. -- Deepak Chopra

**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:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds (602, verses 1 and 2)

### **Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** (from Romans 13:8, 10)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another

***For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.***

Love does no wrong to a neighbour;

***Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.***

Live into God's ways of love, justice, and peace;

***Let us worship Christ, who leads us into light. Amen.***

**Hymn:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds (602, verses 3 and 4)

### **Opening Prayer:**

How vast and deep is your love O God,  
for us and for all the world.

As we give you thanks for the beauty of creation  
and for the gift of life,

we turn to you for strength and guidance  
to help those of our world in need of care and healing.

***We pray for our community, our nation and world***

*that peace and justice might be made known.  
We pray for our families and friends,  
especially those who are hurting, sick, grieving or alone.  
We pray for our own burdens and needs,  
both spoken and unspoken...  
We yield our lives to you as we offer our prayers  
in the loving name of Jesus. Amen.*

**Hymn**: Love Divine (333)

## **Theme Presentation**

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

#### **Music Offering**

**Scripture Reading**: Romans 13:8-14 (NT, pg 162, Ole Jensen)

**Message**: Love is the Answer

**Hymn**: To Show By Touch and Word (427)

### **We Respond to God**

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

#### **Offertory**

\* **Doxology**: (506, verse 1 and 5)

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, all for Thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee.

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

God of abundance, we bring these gifts to you,  
acknowledging you as the source of all blessing in our lives.  
We have spent and overspent our resources  
on things that attracted our attention  
but didn't begin to satisfy the needs within us.

**Help us to live wisely and to give generously  
from deep gratitude for your love.**

**May our lives reflect the words of your apostle,**

**“Let no debt remain outstanding  
except the continuing debt to love one another...”**

**We ask this in the holy name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

*(Romans 13:8-14)*

**Hymn:** The Servant Song (595)

\* **Commissioning Prayer:**

Holy God, our world has been wracked by violence.  
Things seem to be falling apart, and all we can do sometimes  
is focus on our own lives, our own homes, our own community, and  
move forward.

**Help us to seek You,**

**and to turn our focus away from ourselves**

**and to see how we can be a difference in the world.**

**Guide us in Your ways of love, justice and mercy,**

**so that we might live the life You have set before us.**

**Help us to trust in You, when things are falling apart,**

**that You will help us move on,**

**and You will always lead us into new life.**

**In the name of Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.**

\* **Sung Response:** Go Make a Difference (MV 209)

*Refrain:*

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*(Repeat 2 times)*

1. We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world.
  
2. We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world.
  
3. So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world.

## **Postlude**