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Meditation: "Becoming is not a contradiction of being,
but the epiphany of being."

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: Jesus Calls Us (562 verses 1 - 3)

Announcements:

Prelude: How Great Thou Art - Dale Williams

Call to Worship:

God of the prophets, call to us today

Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

We gather to hear Your call,

to sing Your praise, to teach each other,

to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine (585)

Opening Prayer:

Who are you, Jesus?

It seems that people have always wanted to know;
From the beginning when foreigners travelled
great distances just to see you,
To now when trying to answer this question
can lead to heated debate and even violent conflict.

Who are you, really?

There is no shortage of names for you –
Son of God, Messiah, Lord, Anointed One, Suffering Servant...
But each one feels like a doorway into greater mystery;
an invitation to dive into depths
that are beyond my capacity to fathom.

I want to know you, Jesus

***I want to touch something of the truth of who you are
and so even as I allow my mind to wrestle
with ideas about you,
I open my heart that your radiant presence,
may shine in,
may change me,
and may draw me into an eternity
of learning and loving who you are.***

Anthem: The Servant King

Theme Presentation

Minute For Mission: (Wendy Gallant)

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6 (OT, pg 577), 13-18
(139 with refrain) (Barry Meredith)
John 1:35-42 (NT, pg 92) (Barry Meredith)

Message: To Know and Be Known (I Samuel 3:3b – 10, 19)

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (567)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology**: Your Work O God, Needs Many Hands (537)

***Offertory Prayer**:

*God of all gifts, teach us to be generous,
in our offering, and in our living,
in Jesus' name and example. Amen*

***Hymn**: Here I Am, Lord (509)

Commissioning Prayer:

*Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.*

***Sung Response**: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (575)

Postlude

Long-time friends, Dale and Kim Williams,
would like to invite everyone to join them
for a reception, immediately following the
service, in celebration of Kathy Banville's
65th birthday.