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Lent I

10:15 am

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**Meditation:** “It is better to light a candle  
than curse the darkness.” -- Mother Teresa

**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 (speak to our sound technician). Please join in with the **bold and *italic*** print. **Coffee and Tea** are available at the back of the church, after the service. Please stand when (\*) appears.

## **We Gather in God’s Name**

**Introit:** Kindle a Flame (19)

## **Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

**Sung Response:** The Lord is My Light (based on Psalm 27)  
***The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,  
the Lord is my salvation.***

**Opening Prayer:** Darkness and Light  
The darkness loves to parade itself, God,  
to draw our attention and steal our energy,  
with fearful threats  
and dire prophecies of doom;  
and we all too easily give it just what it seeks.

## **(Sung Response)**

But, if we can just drag our gaze away  
we discover that there is another reality;  
that your light shines undimmed,  
that your care is undiminished,

that your strength and protection  
are unfailing.

**(Sung Response)**

And so, even in the midst of pain, suffering, evil  
even when it seems your light is almost out,  
we choose to remain under the shadow of your wings;  
to trust in your salvation, to speak your words,  
and to dispel the darkness  
by lighting the flame of faith again in our hearts.

**(Sung Response)**

Amen.

**Hymn**: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (108)

**Responsive Psalm**: Psalm 91 (with refrain)

**Anthem**: When we Are Tested

**Theme Presentation**

**Minute for Mission**: (Maggie Taylor)

**We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture Reading**: Luke 4:1-13 (NT, pg. 61) (Don Cullen)

**Message**: Faith to Overcome

**Prayer**: Overcoming Temptation

When we are drawn to the easy satisfaction of our appetites,  
to the simple addictions of pleasure,

***We pray for the strength to say 'no'  
and to live by your soul-feeding word.***

When we are caught up in the self-aggrandising song  
of power and self-sufficiency,

***We pray for the humility to serve,  
and to worship the only One who is worthy.***

When we are challenged to accumulate  
and to find our security in wealth,

***We pray for the grace to give,  
and for the faith to trust in your care.***

And so, for us and for our world,  
***we embrace your wisdom and your word,  
and we commit to living in your light  
so that in some small way,  
we may dispel the darkness.  
Amen.***

**Hymn:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (356)

**Communion**

Chris Hulan, Roelie Jackson,  
Don Judd, Andreas Thuswaldner

The Invitation  
The Blessing  
The Prayer After Communion

**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,  
***by your grace you brought us together,  
by your grace your love is known,  
may your grace be in our offering,  
seeds of faith together sewn. Amen***

\* **Hymn:** We Tell What Christ's Great Love Has Done (347)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction:**

On this first Sunday of Lent, the journey begins.

***As we leave behind our doubts and fears and temptations,***

***let us embrace the love and grace of God,***

***with every step, with every breath, with every word.***

**Amen**

\* **Sung Response:** We Are Marching (646)

**Postlude**