

A person stands on a wooden pier in a storm, holding a red umbrella. Large, dark wings of an angel appear behind them, splashing water. The scene is dramatic and symbolic.

IN A  
STORM  
THERE IS  
NO SHELTER  
LIKE THE WINGS OF GOD.

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# BRITANNIA UNITED CHURCH

Lent I

10:15 am

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## Meditation:

**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:** Lead Me God (662)

## Announcements

**Scripture:** Luke 13: 31-35 (NT, pg.77) (Dori Jensen)

**Prelude:** May God's Sheltering Wings (MV 214)

***May God's sheltering wings,  
her\* gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
her\* cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her\* love,  
and hold you in her\* love.***

**Call to Worship** ( Based on Psalm 27)

God is our light, our salvation.

***Whom shall we fear?***

God is our stronghold and shelter.

***Of whom shall we be afraid?***

When our adversaries and enemies confront us  
and surround us,

***our hearts will not fear.  
Instead we will walk through the darkness  
growing ever closer to the light.  
We will live into God's promise of hope for the future  
even when it is not always easy.***  
Come let us worship our God.

**Hymn:** O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising (329)

**Opening Prayer:** The Shelter of Grace  
Life can be tough to navigate, God,  
so much that is uncertain,  
so much that is unpredictable,  
so many detours, so many uncharted paths.  
***And yet amazingly,  
you do not leave us to find our way alone.  
In your grace we find a path, a compass, a guide;  
your grace is a shelter,  
open for anyone who wants in,  
and it does offer protection  
from the worst of whatever storms we may face.***  
And though we know we haven't done anything to earn it,  
we thank you  
that we can find rest in the midst of life's turbulence,  
in the shelter of your grace.  
***Amen***

**Anthem:** In You There is a Refuge

**Theme Presentation**

**Minute for Mission:** (Wendy Gallant)

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

**Message:** Shelter for the Journey

**Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation (660)

## We Respond to God

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

#### Prayer Introit

#### Offertory

\* **Doxology**: In Gratitude and Humble Trust (544)

\* **Offertory Prayer**:

*Lenten God,*

*we look toward the Holy City  
and wonder what is before us.*

*We know that for some,  
it is a journey of hunger and loneliness.*

*For these and all of your people  
we now share our offerings.*

*Receive them and transform them into your light  
and love as we journey toward the cross.*

*Amen*

### We Go Forth in God's Word

\* **Hymn**: O God Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**:

*As we continue on our Lenten path towards the cross,  
may God give us strength for the journey,  
may Christ give us light in the darkness for the journey  
and may the Spirit give us hope in abundance  
for all that lies ahead.*

\* **Sung Response**: O Jesus I Have Promised (120 vs 1 & 4)

#### Postlude