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Transfiguration Sunday 10:15 am March 3, 2019

Meditation: “Beautiful are those whose brokenness gives birth to transformation and wisdom.”

-- John Mark Green

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: Spirit of the Living God (376)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: The One We Worship

You are the pre-dawn glow
that promises yet another new beginning;

***You are the still dusk
that brings rest to a weary world;***

You are the prophecy
of God’s life-giving Word inscribed on our hearts;

***You are the law
that finds its fulfilment in love;***

You are the mountain
where the presence of God blazes and burns;

***You are the valley
where the face of God peeks out from suffering eyes;***

You are the glory that we long for,
the whispered rumour of a different order,
the Shining One who transfigures all things.

You are the One we worship. Amen.

Hymn: Behold, I Make All Things New (MV 115)

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)

I make all things new,

my promise is true,

for I am Christ the way.

Repeat

Opening Prayer: Whole-y God

Sometimes it feels like it doesn't really matter, God,
if we ignore the needs of our spouse,
or shout at the kids unnecessarily,
or elaborate on the truth just a little, so we look better,
or waste the resources our world so generously gives;
sometimes it just feels silly to worry
about making things beautiful,
to keep reaching for the best of the good,
and not just the easy,
to stay true to what is true.

What difference does it really make,

in the big scheme of things,

if we just take the easy way,

the not-bad-but-could-be-better way?

And then we come here, and we remember.

You do not change to accommodate our good-enoughness,
our that'll-do-ness;

You do not darken the sun just a little,

so we won't feel so dull,

or switch off some of the stars to keep us from feeling small.

You are holy – whole-y – one and complete and God;

You are Light and Life and Love and Fullness –

you can be no other;
You are Beauty and Goodness and Truth –
brilliant and dazzling;
And it is we who must change,
we who come to this place to worship,
It is we who must choose to gaze on your holiness & beauty,
and be changed into glory.
And, so here we are, God. Please, show us yourself. Amen.

Anthem: Behold the Face of Jesus

We Hear God's Word

Theme Presentation

Minute for Mission: (Wendy Gallant)

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-35 (NT, pg. 69)
(Barry Meredith)

Message: Where Do We Go From Here?

Hymn: We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding (104)

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:**

Life-changing God,
***transform our gifts into your greatness;
love divine...Amen***

* **Hymn:** Love Divine (333)

***Benediction:** The Final Word

So many voices, so many words,
so many messages and messengers;

So many images, so many ideas,
so many symbols and rituals;

So many paths, so many quests,
so many ways and practices;

All of which seek to speak of you, O God,
all of which seek to make you known;

But, at the perfect moment,
in the perfect pitch,

with the perfect resonance,
you spoke, and stilled all other sounds,
as in the silence all voices,
and all ears

knew that the Final Word had been uttered.

***And so, Christ, Word of God, speak to us again,
and transform us into echoes***

***of your perfect, beautiful, creative,
compassionate, eternal, final, Word. Amen.***

Sung Response: Threefold Amen (967)

Postlude