



**I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE  
HOLDS...**

**... BUT I KNOW WHO HOLDS THE  
FUTURE**

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# BRITANNIA UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Worship

10:15 am

August 11, 2019

**Meditation:** “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

the conviction of things not seen.”

-- Hebrews 11:1

**Welcome:** to Britannia United Church. **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**

## **Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** (*Rabindranath Tagore*)

Faith is the bird that feels the light  
And sings when the dawn is still dark.

***The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.***

So let us come.

Let us open our eyes to the light,  
And let us sing in faith and expectation.

**Hymn:** One More Step Along the World I Go (639)

## **Theme Presentation**

## **Music Offering**

## We Hear God's Word

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6 (OT, pg. 12)  
(Susan Aiken)

**Hymn:** Faith of Our Fathers (580)

**Message:** The First Step is a Doozy

**Prayer:** Always There  
We thank you, O God,  
for the miracles that bless us  
in our moments of need.

***And we praise you for always being there for us.***

We thank you, O God,  
for the miracle of resurrection  
in our moments of lifelessness and despair.

***And we praise you for always being there for us.***

We thank you, O God,  
for the gift of faith  
when our ability to believe is strained.

***And we praise you for always being there for us.***

You are God,  
You are accessible,  
You are involved.

***And, we recognise our need of you.***

***Thank you that, as we seek to love, to serve,  
to follow you and to make a contribution,  
we can rely on your grace and your Spirit  
to support and guide us.***

***Amen.***

\* **Hymn:** To Abraham and Sarah (634)

## We Respond to God

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

#### Offertory

\* Doxology: (541)

\* Offertory Prayer:

\* Hymn: Walk With Me (649)

\* Benediction: A Prayer for the Journey (648)

God of the Way,

***you are the road we travel,***

***and the sign we follow;***

***you are bread for the journey,***

***and the wine of arrival.***

Guide us as we follow in your way,

***holding on to each other,***

***reaching out to your beloved world.***

And when we stray,

***seek us out and find us,***

***set our feet on the path again,***

***and lead us safely home.***

***In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.***

\* Sung Response: Siyahamba (646)

#### Postlude

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