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Lent III

10:15 am

March 15, 2020

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
(March 21, 2020)

Meditation: “No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” -- Nelson Mandela

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: God, Reveal Your Presence (391)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Come, let us gather to sing our praises to God!

Let us give a joyful shout of thanks to our God!

For the Lord our God is a great and glorious God!

Come, let us recognise God's creative powers!

Let us rejoice in the diversity of God's creation!

***All creation, all people and creatures of the earth,
sky, seas and waters joyfully praise their Maker.***

Come, let us listen for God's word to us today!

We come to bow in worship before our God, as we respond to being God's beloved and forgiven children! Amen.

Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down (395)

Prayer of Approach:

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey,
guide me to the path that leads to you.

Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace
as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person,
let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart.

Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others,
showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week

and remind me that when I need

comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance,

I can always turn to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray, Amen.

Anthem: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Theme Presentation

Minute for Mission:

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-10 (NT, pg. 94) (Barry Meredith)

Message: "Scriptural Antidotes to Hate"

Guest Speaker - Peter Flegel

Prayer: Around the Well

Around the well of your grace, O God,
are those who thirst for friendship and love;

***Help us to offer them
the living water of community and connectedness;***

Around the well of your life, O God,
are those who thirst for joy and safety;

***Help us to offer them
the living water of playfulness and protection;***

Around the well of your mercy, O God,
are those who thirst for wholeness and peace;

***Help us to offer them
the living water of comfort, healing and welcome;***

Around the well of your presence, O God,
are those who thirst for meaning and connection;

***Help us to offer them
the living water of service and worship;***

May the life we have found in you,
be the gift we share

***with all who hunger and thirst,
with all who are outcast and rejected,
with all who have too little or too much,
with all who are wounded or ashamed,
and, through us, may this corner of the world overflow
with you living water.***

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn: Amazing Grace (266)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology:** (541)

* **Offertory Prayer:**

*Throughout these Lenten days, O God,
help us to rededicate ourselves to you.
May our lives be an offering of grace and love. Amen*

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

* **Commissioning and Benediction:**

Let us go forth called to God's holy covenant.

God continues to guide us:

attending to our stories,

healing us as brothers and sisters,

showing us how to live in right relations.

***God promises to bless and encourage us
on the path of respect.***

So go with the peace and promise of God,
the energy of the Spirit of Love,
and the passion of Jesus. ***Amen.***

* **Sung Response:** May the God of Hope Go With Us (424)

Postlude

In Loving Memory

Mr. Henry Simer

Those that touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever