



Balzac United Church

October 23, 2022

All are welcome here

Welcome to Balzac United Church

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Worship Leader: Rev Lynn McKinnon

Music Ministry: lee Dowan & Dr Alex Shawn

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. B. Wolaver

Welcome and announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

The road is long, but the journey is worth it.

We do not travel alone; we are part of the great fellowship of saints.

The life of faith rises and falls,

But God is with us, every step of the way.

The Spirit gives us endurance and strength for the journey.

Christ has called us into a community of living hope.

Come, join us on the journey of faith.

Share in the Good News of God's Love,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Come, You Thankful People, Come” VU #516

Children’s Chat

Hymn: O God Who Shaped Creation VU 276

Opening Prayer

At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory. Keep us from wanting to win at other’s expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side. All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of Hope and Faith, we confess that our wandering sometimes leads to doubt, and doubt leads to uncertainty, and uncertainty can lead to a lack of trust. But sometimes uncertainty leads us to new faith, new hope, new trust that You have not left us alone. **Help us to know that when we fall into doubt and uncertainty, we are not alone. We have one another.** You have called us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and what we lack in faith in You, may we be restored in faith in one another. **Help us to become Living Hope to each other, and through the helping hands and hearts that surround us, may our faith in You be renewed again.** In Christ Jesus our Lord, who became one of us, who became our Living Hope, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of pardon

The Spirit is alive and among us, moving in us toward the work of justice and mercy. The Spirit is alive and among us, calling us into accountability and forgiveness, with the hope of reconciliation and peace. The Spirit is alive and with you, for you are God’s beloved. God forgives you, loves you, and remembers your sin no more. The Spirit is alive and breathing in you, now, to send you out into the world to share the good news. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 65, VU 782

Joel 2:23-32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sermon “You get anointed, and you get anointed,
everybody gets anointed!”

Solo: “I Am a Child of God” Soloist: Michelle Johnston

We reflect on the gifts offered to the church

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU

#639

Benediction

Postlude “Great and Mighty Is He” arr. B. Inman