

**Balzac Pastoral Charge  
of the United Church of Canada  
All Saints Day Sunday October 29, 2023  
Minister: Kelly Grittner**

Prelude

*Valse Triste*

*- J. Sibelius*

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

“As we gather together, let us pause to remember that we live, work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the nations of Treaty 7. As Christ’s people, may we be people of love, of truth, and of reconciliation. May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**May we let our light shine so that others may know Christ’s love**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Creator, Healer, Mystery, Source of Wisdom,  
we gather today to prepare and center ourselves.**

**We gather that you may free us from the oppressions that bind us,  
the thoughts that hold us hostage,  
the fears that keep us frozen,  
the pain that numbs our souls.**

**We gather that we may awaken to new light,  
new ways of being,  
and to celebrate the creation,  
the healing, the mystery,  
and the wisdom you offer us.**

Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

*VU 409*

Children Chat

*“Zacchaeus climbs a tree”*

*Luke 19:1-9 Living Gods Way Ralph Milton*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**Gracious God, we admit that it is hard to do your will.**

**Often we fall short of your intentions for us.**

**There are times we get so caught up in our own lives  
that we do not see the needs of our neighbours.**

**There are times we think we have all the answers and try to solve the problems of the world by  
ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God, for taking ourselves too seriously,**

and for not trusting you enough.  
Forgive us, and do not give up on us. Amen

Hymn

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

VU 356

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7 *Cyrus: God's Instrument*

Psalm 113

*Praise to the Lord*

VU 835

Reflection: “Surrounded by the Saints”

Special Music:

*Grandmother Tells a Ghost Story*

- T.Kullak

*Violin Solo: Zoe Walkes*

Offertory Prayer

Bless these gifts:

that they may heal the broken hearted,  
that they may mend the wounded,  
and they may proclaim justice to the nations.  
Amen

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

Hymn

*One More Step Along the World I Go*

VU 640

Commissioning and Blessing

Those whom God has gathered, God now sends forth.  
**We are blessed to go in the presence of God who leads us.**  
As long as we follow in the way God is leading –  
**we know God's realm will surely appear.**  
Go then as the people of God,  
encouraged and empowered  
by God who goes with us.

**Postlude**

*Halloween Medley*

**Announcements:**

- **For announcement Questions or addition, here is the contact information -**  
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- For any general information on the Church please see the **BUC Website Linked here:**  
<https://balzacunitedchurch.com/>



**First Third Ministry Corner**

**Everything for kids, youth & young adults with Angela Wigglesworth**

Upcoming Events

**October 29:** Sunday school Halloween party during Sunday school. \*dress in your favorite costume