

**Balzac Pastoral Charge
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
Minister: Kelly Grittner, Candidate OM
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn**

Processional *Sing Hosanna – arr B. Harlan*

Prelude: *Worthy Is the Lamb* - arr. M. McDonald

Welcome and Announcements

Portions of today's service is used with thanks from "Worship with the Moderator and Team for Sunday, April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday"

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."

Opening Reading "The Way to Jerusalem is Cluttered"

Anne Weems *Kneeling in Jerusalem*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn *I Am the Dream* *MV 106*

Call To Worship

**As we travel on the Way,
we find that we travel both night and day –
Sometimes, in our wandering,
we need light to show us what is around.
Sometimes, in our wandering,
we need light as a signpost or guide.
Sometimes, in our wandering,
we need light to show us safe haven.**

**We are on our own wilderness wander, through a time of change
from our normal order of things. So, let us look to the light that
shines in our lives and in our world, let us look to the light of Christ
– to guide us, to strengthen us, to keep us moving on!**

Opening Prayer

**Will you let us walk with you, Jesus, on the road to Jerusalem;
to hear the cheers of the crowd,**

with "hosannah" and more?
Will you let us walk with you, Jesus,
to the temple, to the challenge,
to the room where you'll teach,
share communion, and more?
Will you let us walk with you, Jesus,
to the garden, to prayer;
though our eyes may be heavy,
our hearts burdened, and more?
Will you let us walk with you, Jesus,
in this week we call "Holy,"
that, through trial and temptation,
we might understand love, grace, and much more?
Will you let us walk with you, Jesus...
As far as we can go? Amen.

Children and youth are welcome to go to Sunday School

Hymn *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* VU 127 A: 558

Scripture Reading Mark 11: 1- 11

Reflection : "Currency of the Heart"

Special Music Cantata

At His Name

Composed & Arranged by J. Raney

*A Miracle Man
Open the Gates
If You Love Me
At His Name*

Presentation of the Offering & Offertory: *Give Thanks*
- arr. M. Hayes

Dedication of the Offering

**We do give you thanks, God of all creation,
for the gifts in our hands, and the gifts in our hearts,
help us to use all that we have to share your life,
in all of its abundance, everywhere in your world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VU 123

Blessing

Let us go in peace and in all that we do, let us do it for love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. And let us always remember – we are never alone!

The peace of Christ holds us all creation. The love of the Creator enfolds all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. And the wings of the Holy Spirit carry it – in the moments of grief, and in the celebration of life made new – now, and always. Amen?

Amen! Let us go in peace, to love and to serve. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Praise the Name of the Lord - arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Upcoming Dates for Easter Season** – Keep the date within your calendar! **March 29th** – Good Friday Service at 10AM with special music from the choir. **March 31st** – Easter Sunday Service and special music by the choir. Hope to see you all in body or spirit!
- **Confirmation** – On March 31st 2024, there will be a Confirmation Celebration for Hannah Walkes. Furthermore if there is anyone who would like to affirm or transfer their membership to BUC formally, March 31st is an invitation to anyone who would like this for themselves to happen. Please contact Minister Kelly Grittner 403-219-3535 for further information and interest.
- **Getting to Know our Neighbours Continues:**
Here is the schedule for the upcoming worship service sharing after our visit to Irricana and Airdrie recently.
April 14, 2024 at 10:00 am - Irricana and Airdrie United congregations will be travelling to Balzac United Church for worship.
- **Income Tax Receipts** – Income tax receipts for 2023 donations have been mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns about your income tax receipt, please contact Ruth Unser at runser@shaw.ca or call at 403-289-2715. Ruth is acting Envelope Secretary in the absence of Michelle Kotelko.

- **E-Transfer Email** - For all E-Transfers sent to BUC Please use this email address: treasurer@balzacunitedchurch.com. Thank you!
- **BUC Information:** For BUC activities and information, check out our website at <https://balzacunitedchurch.com/>
- **Minister Contact Information:** If you want to talk to Kelly Grittner, call him at 403-219-3535.

First Third Ministry Corner 
Everything for our kids, youth & young adults
Led by Angela Wigglesworth

The email address for all Sunday school, youth and young adult programming for Balzac United Church is BUCfirstthirdministry@gmail.com. Please send all Sunday school and youth group correspondence to Angela through this new address. She is also available to chat on her cell number (587)229-3878.

Our programs can't run without the tremendous efforts of volunteers. We are currently in need of volunteers to help with the nursery, either for one Sunday or on a rotational basis. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to help support this vital ministry. For more information regarding Angela and Victoria's specific group times please contact Angela Wigglesworth.

- March 24th: Miss Angela and Miss Victoria will be leading groups in M&S activities and preparation – Our youngest kids get activities just for them!
- Mission & Service Fair Is planned for the 21st of April 2024