

Order of Service – April 7th 2024
Worship Leader: Dr Alex Shawn
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr Alex Shawn

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* *arr. K. Renfrow*

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 of The Christ Candle

Call To Worship

Welcome to this spacious place,

Where we are fed from the word of God,

**Refreshed by the Spirit of God in prayer and song, And restored
by the loving and welcoming Presence of God in each other.**

Let us gather together in this worship space. All are welcome.

Children and Youth are welcome to go to Sunday School

Opening Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* *VU 663*

Opening Prayer

On this Holy Humour Sunday, we come to chuckle, laugh, giggle, and sing with joy!

Alleluia! God Creator! Alleluia! Christ is King!

Let the spirit of the laughter push away our doubts and sins! Dear God, we recall the Easter story, we now see that death has lost its fearful sting.

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Hymn *For the Faithful Who Have Answered* *VU 707*
(A 558)

Scripture **John 20:19 – 31**

Sermon **"To have Faith, you must Believe"**

Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* VU 378

Presentation of the Offering & Offertory

Instrumental - *I'd Rather Have Jesus*
arr.M. Hayes

Dedication Of Gifts

Heavenly Father, we dedicate our offerings to you and your service. Please accept these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, with love and gratitude for all your blessings. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lords 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

Closing Hymn *Go, Make a Difference* MV 209

Commissioning and Benediction

Go out from here, and as you go about your daily lives, remember to place it all before God. Embrace the goodness that God has placed around you and share that blessing with others in your community. Let God work in you and for you, so that your Christian love shines through everything you say and do. Go now and serve the Lord with love, laughter, and kindness to all. Amen.

Postlude *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
arr. L. Shackley

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Getting to Know our Neighbours Continues:**

PLEASE NOTE that next week is our joint worship being held at Balzac United with Airdrie and Irricana United.

April 14, 2024 at 10:00 am - Irricana and Airdrie United congregations will be travelling to Balzac United Church for worship.

- **Joint Worship Food and Snacks** – To prepare for our Joint worship after service snacks, there is a sign-up sheet for snacks to bring on April 14th 2024 on the pin board on the left side of the fridge. Please sign up if you can!
- **NAMETAGS** - If there is anyone who does not have one or needs a new nametag to prepare for April 14th please contact Zoe Walkes at balzacunitedchurch@gmail.com this week before Wednesday April 10th 2024.
- **Greeting Cards** – If anyone would like to send greeting cards out to anyone in our congregation please contact Joyce Covey.
- **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.

- Mission & Service Fair Is planned for the 21st of April 2024