

**Balzac Pastoral Charge  
of the United Church of Canada  
Sunday April 14, 2024 Easter 2  
Ministers: Kelly Grittner, Candidate OM,  
Rev. Eva Beiderman, Rev. Shannon Mang  
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn**

**Prelude**     *Nobody Know the Trouble I've Seen-All Day, All Night*     arr. M. Hayes

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Opening Hymn**                     *This is the Day*                     VU 412

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 30)*

Compassionate God, we have cried to you for help  
**and you have heard us.**

Sing praises to our God, oh you faithful ones

**we will give thanks to God's holy name.**

God, you have turned our mourning into dancing

**you have removed our sackcloth and clothed us in joy.**

May our souls praise you

**and not be silent.**

Holy One,

**we will give thanks to you forever.**

Come, let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Welcoming God,**

**May our welcome to others**

**be as great as yours has been to us:**

**to those who are hungry, may we offer bread;**

**to those who are broken, may we offer healing;**

**to those who are lost, may we offer nourishment;**

**to those who are doubting, a new adventure.**

**May this place be a place of grace**

**where what is offered is served to others,**

**trusting in your redeeming love, O God.**

**Amen.**

**Childrens Chat**

Angela Wigglesworth

**Hymn**

*God of the Sparrow*

VU 229

**SHARING OF SCRIPTURE**

Rev. Shannon Mang

1 John 3: 1-7 : "Children of God"

Luke 24:13-35 "On the Road to Emmaus"

**Reflection "You Gotta Walk That Lonesome Valley"**

**Special Music**

*A Miracle Man*

*(from At His Name)*

*by Joel Raney*

**Presentation Of The Offering & Offertory Response**

*Instrumental*

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*Give Thanks arr. M. Hayes*

*Hymn*

*MV 79*

***"Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.***

***As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,***

***Spirit, open my heart..."***

**Dedication Of the Offering**

**In hope we offer these gifts:**

**hope for a peaceful and fair world;**

**hope for an equal distribution of**

**food, medicines, natural resources, and love;**

**hope for the well-being of Mother Earth;**

**hope for many future generations.**

**In hope we bring these gifts**

**as hope for a peaceful and fair world. Amen.**

**Prayers of The People & The Lords Prayer**

Rev. Eva Beiderman

**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** *Would You Bless Our Homes & Families VU 556*

**Words of Commissioning & Blessing**

We continue our journey,

seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead,

knowing that we are guided by God every step of the way.

**Let us continue to search for truth, understanding  
and wisdom as we journey in faith, for we follow Jesus,  
who is the way, the truth and the light for us.**

May the love of the Divine be felt in your heart,

the peace of Christ be known in your soul,

and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be all around you, now and always. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mission and Service** – Next Sunday on April 21st is Mission and Service Fair involving the children and youth! Please get involved by watching the service and staying after church to see what they have prepared about the countries studied this year!
- **Bottle Drive Fundraiser** - Have bottles and would like to donate the proceeds to BUC? Bring them to Hometown Bottle & Recycling in Airdrie (behind the Superstore.) We have an ongoing account under Balzac United Church. Another option is to drop them off at the church on Sundays!! for more details see Victoria Walkes.
- **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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2024