

**Balzac Pastoral Charge  
of the United Church of Canada  
Sunday April 28, 2024 Easter 5  
Minister: Kelly Grittner, Candidate OM  
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn**

**Prelude**     *Jesus, Name Above All Names*     arr. M. Hayes

**Welcoming and 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.”

**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Invocation – Hymn (remain seated)**

*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

VU 374

**Opening Prayer**

*The Shadow of the Dove - Kate McIlhagga*

**Our Response:**

You meet us where we are O God

**May our hearts be opened to your truth**

**And our eyes be opened to your presence**

**Call To Worship & Affirmation Of Faith**

We believe without having seen,

**in Jesus risen, present with the family of God’s people**

We believe without having seen

**in Jesus risen, inspiring the disciples of today**

We believe without having seen,

**in Jesus risen, standing with the powerless**

We believe without having seen,

**in Jesus risen, to bring God’s realm within our grasp.**

**Hymn**

*Jesus Loves Me*

VU 365

**Reception of New Members by Transfer**

**Gary & Brenda Astle, John & Lucille Hagel**

**Service of Baptism – Tom Derrick Rietveld**

*Son of Jeanette & Willem, brother to Scott, Case & Hank*

**Hymn**

*I am a Child of God*

*MV 157*

**Sharing Of Scripture – 1 John 4:7-21**

**“Everyone who loves is born of God”**

**Special Music**

*Name of All Majesty  
(from At His Name) J. Raney*

**Reflection - “Letter to Tom”**

**Presentation Of The Offering**

*Instrumental - Be Thou My Vision arr. M. Hayes*

**Offertory Response - Sung x1** *What Can I Do? MV 191*

**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.**

**Prayers Of The People & 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**

**Hymn**

*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*VU 509*

**Words Of Blessing**

**God calls us to rise up, to live, to serve.**

**As we go, may the blessings of God surprise**

**and surround us - this day and always.**

May you feel our Creator lovingly rush towards you in answered prayer,

May you notice the banquet of spring that the resurrected Christ lays out before you.

And may you know by the Spirit that new life has begun.

**Postlude** *Praise the Name of Jesus with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*arr. M. Hayes*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Board Update for the Congregation** – At the AGM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the board committed to communicating more information to the congregation on a regular basis. We will be sending out the board meeting minutes, the associated reports submitted by the board members and the financial statement. There is a delay in sending out this information to the congregation since the board has to approve the minutes before they can be distributed. Attached to this email is the information from the meeting held on March 19<sup>th</sup> and approved at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email me at [runser@shaw.ca](mailto:runser@shaw.ca) or phone at 403-289-2715 or check with any of the other board members. A list of the current board members and their contact information is attached for your reference. Ruth Unser, Board Chair.
- **May 5<sup>th</sup> Worship Service** – We will not be having our regular worship service on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We have chosen instead to join the Chinook Winds Region Meeting Celebration of Ministry Worship service so that we can participate in the ordination of Kelly Grittner. This service is being held at McDougall United Church at 10:30 am and is being live-streamed on Chinook Winds [YouTube Channel](#). Please join us at the church where we will be set up to watch the service together on the screen at the front. The church will be open at the usual time if you want to come and visit prior to joining the broadcast service. The coffee will be on. If you prefer to watch from home use the link above. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful occasion with Kelly as he becomes Rev. Kelly Grittner.
- **Quilt** - Fundraiser – Each ticket for the BUC Quilt fundraiser will be \$5, and all proceeds go to BUC. The winning ticket will be chosen within a raffle - Please stay tuned for more information. Please wait until further notice for ticket availability. Please see Victoria Walkes with any questions.
- **Plant Fundraiser** - Thinking of getting plants this year? BUC has a new fundraiser with Bluegrass Garden Centre starting on April 21st. There are hanging planters, deck pots, and mixed annual flats for sale with part of the proceeds going to BUC. Please see the posters for more details and talk with Victoria Walkes or Joyce Covey for more information.
- **Zoom** – A general reminder that Zoom is always available each Sunday if you wish to join in for our Sunday worship service virtually.
- **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.

- Thank you to the Sunday school youth, young adults and leaders for their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to the mission and service of this church. You remind us all that there is a world outside our doors that has incredible beauty and diversity worth celebrating!
- There will be no Sunday school on Pentecost Sunday. You can still enjoy the Holy Spirit's presence by flying kites, airplanes and other flying things with your family, or enjoying the flames of a campfire.