Balzac Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada Sunday March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Minister: Kelly Grittner, Candidate OM Music Ministry: Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn

<u>Prelude:</u>

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. L. Shackley

Call to Worship

It was dark when the women arose, when they gathered the things of remembrance, to prepare his body – the perfumes, the oils. It was dark as they walked to the tomb, the night was still around them, wrapping them, in their grief. it was dark when they looked inside... and then... They heard the truth.

Christ is risen! What a glorious day!

Christ is risen, indeed! Our lives are forever changed! New life is all around us. Stop and experience the beauty.

Where once there was death, now there is life! Christ is risen,

Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU 179

Opening Prayer

In the brokenness and in the joy, in the lonely moments of deepest night, in the hope that comes just before dawn, Your infinite love overwhelms death –and resurrection changes everything.
ALLELUIA!

As we reach out to each other, know that we are reaching out to You, knowing that You are always reaching out to us. As we reach out to each other, help us to reach into Your world, that we might be people of the Resurrection, seeing the risen Christ in every grace-filled moment, every day of our lives. ALLELUIA! Amen

Placing of the Daffodils Processional - Tune MV 121

Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey now the morning has come! Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Service Of Confirmation – Hannah Walkes

Instrumental - I Gave My Life for Thee

Questions and Promises of Hannah & the Congregation

Congregational Promise

We promise to stand with you and by you. We will support you, care for you, and pray with you. Together may we all be strengthened in our faith and bound together as God's people in this place.

Blessing:

Holy Spirit, be with us all as we journey together. Be with us, guide us, fill us with Holy Mystery. May we always have open hands, open hearts, and open minds. May we recognize you always, thereby knowing strength, happiness, peace, and joy. Amen.

Hymn I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Scripture Reading John 20: 1-18

REFLECTION: "Experiencing Jesus"

<u>Special Music</u> Name of All Majesty_ (From At His Name)

J. Ranev

Presentation of the Offering & Offertory

Instrumental - Morning Has Broken - arr. M. Haves

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.

<u>Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer</u>

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

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

We are called to be the vessels that carry God's precious message of love. We are called to give of ourselves so that the world can be made whole. We are called to reach out in love and to bring healing hope to the world.

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

Come Christians, Join to Sing - arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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.
- **Greeting Cards** If anyone would like to send greeting cards out to anyone in our congregation please contact Joyce Covey.
- Zoom Just a general reminder that live Zoom calls are available for every Sunday Service at 10AM. Please contact Zoe at balzacunitedchurch@gmail.com to be added.
- **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 <u>BUCfirstthirdministry@gmail.com</u>. 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