

**Balzac Pastoral Charge
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday May 12, 2024
Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday
Minister: Rev. Kelly Grittner
Music Ministry: Dr. Alex Shawn**

Prelude *I Sing Praises* *arr. Carol Tornquist*

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."

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship

The sap stirs and green spring shakes off its overcoat of gray.

**Life stirs, and the Spirit of Abundant Life unfurls
itself within us**

This is the aftermath of Easter

**Life calls to us, abundant life that God would give. Let us answer, as we
worship God.**

Invocation – *This is the Day* *MV 122*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you call us from the rest of the night into the light of this new day. You invite us to live in the light of love for your sake and for the good of our relations. As we worship you now, take from us any impediments that keep us from loving you with heart and soul and mind. Be our Good Shepherd and lead us to paths of life-giving love. We shall follow. We pray in your name. Amen

Hymn *We Are One* *VU 402*

Sharing Of Scripture – Psalm 23 A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

² he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;**

for thou art with me;

**thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵ Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.**

Reflection "Cows are Pushed, Sheep are Led"

Presentation Of The Offering *Interlude II By Mark Hayes*

Offertory Response *What Can I Do? Sung X1 MV 191*

Dedication Of The Offering

Loving God, we express our thanksgiving through these offerings. May they further the work in the church, the community, and beyond. Amen

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**

Celebration of Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Passing Of the Peace

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

**Breaking of Bread and Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Gifts of God**

Prayer After Communion

God of Light:

At this table we have come out of darkness.

At this table we have been reminded that there is enough,

At this table we have experienced grace and shared love,

Through this meal we have become the Kingdom of God and

we commit again to the Way of Jesus.

God of Love, guide us to the places of our community, where the lonely and longing gather. Lead us to the places of our communities where hope and renewal are born again. Make us channels of your love, joy and peace. Amen

Hymn *We are Pilgrims The Servant Song* VU 625

Words Of Blessing

Postlude *There Is None Like You*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **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 note that **Tickets are now available!** For individual purchase or a 10 pack to sell. Please see Victoria Walkes with any questions. Draw is October 6th 2024.
- **Snacks for Coffee Time** – Snacks wanted for our time for visiting after church! If you have a chance to bring some treats of any kind to donate to the church, please do! Many thanks!
- **Board Update for the Congregation** – At the AGM on March 3rd, 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 19th and approved at the April 16th meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email me at 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.
- **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.

- 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.