

**Balzac Pastoral Charge
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday May 26, 2024 Pentecost Sunday
Minister: Rev. Kelly Grittner
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr. Alex Shawn**

Prelude

Holy! Holy! Holy!

By J. Stainer

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

As we light the Christ candle today,
we remember that Christ was born of love,
that Christ came for love,
and that the love of Christ is always with us.

As we are bathed in this love may we also share it.

“A Creation Story” by Carolyn Pogue

Call To Worship

**God of love,
you are our creator,
our redeemer,
you command us to love you
and all that you have created.
We gather to offer you
this time of worship,
to renew our vow to love
and to offer ourselves to you.
Draw near to us
as we draw near to you.**

Hymn

Deep in Our Hearts

MV 154

Opening Prayer

**God of love, we come before you in prayer and thanks
for the moments you give us to enjoy your creation;
we look to the skies, we feel the earth,
we notice the breeze, the trees, the birds
and our hearts rejoice in this world that sustains us.
For this we offer you our thanks and praise.**

As we come to worship, we acknowledge our humanness and the grace with

which you welcome us into your place. May we meet you anew here.
Amen.

Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU 509

Scripture Lesson John 3: 1-17 Nicodemus visits Jesus by night

Reflection “Thank the Lord for the Night Time”

Special Music “For God So Loved the World” arr. M. Hayes
Duet: Michelle K. and Alex Shawn

Presentation Of The Offering

Offertory Response *What Can I Do?* MV 191 Verse 1

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

Hymn *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* VU 575

Words Of Blessing

Postlude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Plant Fundraiser** - If you have ordered plants from the BUC Bluegrass plant fundraiser, this Sunday May 26 is plant pick up! 🌸 Also a perfect time to check out the various Herbs on sale for \$5 each! 🌿
- **BUC Moving Forward** - On May 19th, Rev Kelly presented the congregation with information regarding the sustainability issues that the church is facing and the process that is in place to inform the congregation of the work that has been done by the Board. He also provided dates for congregation involvement in the process and asked and received for feedback from those present. The information provided with his presentation is attached and some copies will also be available at the church. Kelly will also be talking about this on Sunday, May 26th and asking for input on the plan from the congregation who missed that service. We will also have a Congregation Conversation after the service on June 2nd to share ideas and answer any questions and concerns about this plan. The board appreciates your feedback and input as part of moving forward with this plan for the future of our church. – Ruth Unser
- **Quilt Fundraiser** - 🌿 🌸 Quilt tickets are on sale for \$5! It has lovely fall designs to win for yourself or it would make a very special gift. 🌸 🌿 ticket books of 10 are available to sell, please see Victoria or Joyce 🌸 🌿
- **Bottle Fundraiser** - Where to bring your refundable bottles and cans and help out BUC? Why to the Hometown Bottle Depot and Recycling in Airdrie! Then just ask them to add it to the Balzac United Church account.
- **E-Transfer Funds to BUC** - If you would like to send an E-transfers to Balzac United Church please send it to this email: treasurer@balzacunitedchurch.com. Also if you would like to change your PAR donation Hannah has forms you can fill out to do so, please see her at church.
- **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.

Upcoming events for Sunday school and youth group:

Thursday, June 6: last youth group for the year. 7-10 pm at the church.

Sunday, June 16: Happy Father's Day

Friday, June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day, Kids-led service rehearsal 7-8:30 pm at the church. *Bring any costume pieces you need.

Sunday, June 23: Kids-led service, last day of Sunday school until September.

