

**Balzac Pastoral Charge
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday June 30, 2024 – *Canada Day Weekend*
Presider: *The Rev. Bob Mutlow,*
McDougall United Honorary Associate
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr. Alex Shawn**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

“As we gather together, we acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded territories of the nations of Treaty 7. May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.”

Lighting the Christ Candle

We gather with a common desire to follow Christ.

**We light a candle to recall
that we are the body of Christ,
and the light of Christ shines amongst us.**

Litany of Thanksgiving for Canada Day

Holy One we bless you for this our land of Canada

For its beauty from coast to coast to coast.

For blue oceans and great prairies,

Vast forest and stretching tundra.

For polar bears and whales, mighty moose and coyotes,

Salmon and beaver, Canada geese and birch bark.

For Canadians, rich in cultural diversity, race and color,

Indigenous and Settlers, Long-timers and Newcomers,

For “All our Relations” – our Indigenous sisters and brothers,

Teaching us to live with respect in creation.

Gracious God, tune our hearts to truly sing your praise,

To sing together of our sacred living trust,

Hymn

Called by Earth and Sky

MV 135

Opening Prayer (The Church of the Four Winds)

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, With its beautiful depths, soaring heights, and deep waters, Its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, abundant gardens, and we ask that they

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon those whose lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

A Time of Confession

For all that separates our hearts from God

And from all that closes our eyes to God's love.

For what we have done, left undone,

And from all that keeps us from living in God's love.

For the struggles that prevents us from forgiving others,

And from all that turns us away from God's plan for us. (Silence)

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

And renew a right spirit within us.

Declaration of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

VU 227

Scripture Readings

First Reading:

2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

"King David's Lament"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72 (Selected Verses) – "Dominion of Canada"

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness

and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy,

and crush the oppressor.

⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he delivers the needy when they call,

the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy

and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,

and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;

may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5.21-43 "Number 12"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Music

They All Call It Canada

Arr. By S. Finn

Reflection: "Heart Stories"

Hymn

Oh a Song Must Rise

MV 142

Presentation Of The Offering

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

Dedication Of The Offering

Holy mystery, the one we name as God,

we bring the bustle of each day, the energy created by our work, the enthusiasm of our eager hearts.

May our joy in following Jesus strengthen us that our living may also extend your hospitality and compassion to our sisters and brothers on this Canada Day. Amen.

Prayers for the Day

...we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's 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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* *VU 664*

Joseph Scriven 1855 – *Canada's Famous Hymn*

Commissioning & Blessing

National Anthem *VU 524 (Official Lyrics)*

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Postlude

Announcements:

- **BUC Western Sunday** - BUC Western Sunday will be happening on July, 7th 2024. There will be a pancake breakfast after church and all are welcome!
- **After Service Snacks** - BUC is looking for snacks for our coffee time and chat! If someone has some sweet or salty treats that they can bring to donate to the church please do!
- **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** - Wondering where to bring your refundable bottles and cans and help out BUC? Why not take them 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.



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