

Balzac United Church
Order of Service – July 9, 2023
Western Heritage Sunday
Worship Leader: Larry Bilben
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr. Alex Shawn

Prelude: Down to the River to Pray -arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that when Jesus spoke to the Jewish people as written in John 8. Verse 12, he said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness". So, open your hearts today and let Jesus' light the way for your life. Amen

Doxology: VU 541 - Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Call to Worship

We gather together in worship and praise.

Praise to you, O God.

We gather together to learn about Christian traditions.

Praise to You, O God

We gather together to learn about our church's traditions

Praise to You, O God.

We gather together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ

Praise to You, O God

Opening Hymn VU 675 – *Will Your Anchor Hold*

Opening Prayer

Mission and Service

Hymn VU 331 - *The Church is One Foundation*

Scripture Readings

Genesis Chapter 34: Verses 34 – 38

1 Corinthians Chapter 11 Verse 2

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 Verse 15

Psalm Reading Psalm 45 VU Page 769

Message Traditions

Musical Presentation: Michelle Kotelko

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” W. Stevenson

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts

Dear God, we dedicate our offerings to you and your service. Please accept the gift of time from our Board members, the gift of talent from our Choir, Sunday School Teachers, the gift of courage from the lay people of our congregation, and the gift of treasure from each one of us. We offer these gifts with love and gratitude for all your blessings.

Amen

Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn VU 560 – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit -arr. P. Choplin

