

**Balzac Pastoral Charge
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday April 21, 2024
Mission and Serve Fair Sunday
Minister: Kelly Grittner, Candidate OM
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn**

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* *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 Of The Christ Candle

Call To Worship

We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

**God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always,
even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.**

In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are
not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy and gracious God,

we gather as seekers, lovers, disciples, and friends.

**We gather to give you thanks for the blessings of our lives
and to replenish and refuel our spirits for the road ahead.**

**We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the warmth of
your love.**

**Bless our gathering as we join our hearts and minds together in
worship. Amen.**

Hymn *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* *MV 138*

Sharing Of Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reflection - Mission & Service Group

Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* *MV 145*

Presentation Of The Offering

Instrumental - *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
arr. L. Shackley

Offertory Response - *What Can I Do?* *MV 191*
(Sung Thru Once Only)

Dedication Of The Offering

Gracious God, we love living with you and we are grateful for our many blessings. We love knowing that you are present with us as we journey through life. With thanksgiving in our hearts, we pray that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure will bless our neighbours, near and far. 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**

Closing Hymn *Go, Make a Difference* *MV 209*

Words of Commissioning & Blessing

Postlude *Come, Christians Join To Sing*
arr. M. Hayes

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 stay tuned for more information. The tickets will be ready soon after April 21st. Please see Victoria Walkes with any questions.
- **Plant Fundraiser** - Thinking of getting plants this year? BUC has a new fundraiser with Bluegrass Garden Centre starting on April 21st. There are hanging planters, deck pots, and mixed annual flats for sale with part of the proceeds going to BUC. Please see the posters for more details and talk with Victoria Walkes or Joyce Covey for more information.
- **Bottle Drive Fundraiser** - Have bottles and would like to donate the proceeds to BUC? Bring them to Hometown Bottle & Recycling in Airdrie (behind the Superstore.) We have an ongoing account under Balzac United Church. Another option is to drop them off at the church on Sundays!! for more details see Victoria Walkes.
- **Greeting Cards** – If anyone would like to send greeting cards out to anyone in our congregation please contact Joyce Covey.
- **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.

- You are invited to celebrate Earth day by joining the Sunday school and youth group in our annual mission and service fair immediately following this Sunday's service. We encourage you to bring your appetite and your change. We will have tables set up where you can learn more about the Philippines and Papua New Guinea through interactive displays and food sampling stations. All money raised goes to the United Church mission and service fund. All are welcome!