

**Balzac and Irricana Pastoral Charges  
of the United Church of Canada  
Sunday October 20, 2024 10:00 AM  
World Food Sunday  
Minister: Rev. Kelly Grittner  
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr Alex Shawn**

**Prelude:** *Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord* *arr. S. Wellman*

**Welcoming 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**

This candle represents the light of Christ in our midst

**May we bring to this gathering  
all that we are, and all that we can be.**

**Introit:** *"I Am the Dream" (remain seated)* *MV 106*

**Call to Worship**

We dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown:

**where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table.**

We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm:

**where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all.**

We dare to dream of a world in which love rules:

**where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry.**

We dare to dream.

**We dare to pray.**

We dare to believe.

**With our hearts overflowing with thankfulness,  
we are called to gather and praise you, O God.**

**Prayer for World Food Sunday**

**Loving and Caring God, our world is not a fair place to live.**

**While some have more than they can eat, others starve.**

**While some have the luxury of sheets and blankets, others have no bed.**

**O God, help us make this world a place  
where all who are hungry have food,**

**where all who are homeless have shelter.  
Give us strength and courage to feed the hungry.  
Help us to live by Christ's example. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*We Are One"*

*VU 402*

**Scripture Reading John 6:1-15 "Feeding the Five Thousand"**

**Reflection: "Small c Communion"**

**Hymn**

*"Jesus , You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

*VU 563*

**Minute for Mission & Presentation of the Offering**

**Offertory Response**

*What Can I Do?"*

*MV 191*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of generosity and grace.**

**We return to you that which you have given, asking your blessing for the work they support.**

**Bless us too, in the ministry we share. Amen**

**Prayers for the Day & 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**

*"We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)"*

*VU 595*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

Let us go into the world taking with us nothing but ourselves to offer.

**We will bear in our hearts the love of Christ  
and share through our actions  
the power of the Spirit.**

As we go into the future God has promised,

may God be with us always:

source of life, source of grace, source of love.

Amen

**Postlude : Voluntary on "Lobe den Herren" arr. H. Livingstone, Jr**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **BUC & IUC Shared Services** – We will be sharing 2 services with Irricana United Church over the next 2 months as follows:
  - Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am – IUC will be joining us for the worship service.
  - Nov 17, 2024, 10:00 am - BUC will be going to IUC for worship.

**Note** the time change of the service back to 10 AM.
- **Volunteers for Social Time** - We need helpers to set up coffee and treats for our social time after church and also put things away afterwards. If people could help out 1 Sunday a month, it would lighten the load and not have to be a full-time commitment.
- **Card Requests** – If you know of someone who you feel would appreciate a card sent to them, for a celebration, a get well card or any other occasion, please contact Joyce Covey, email at [samaluyk@gmail.com](mailto:samaluyk@gmail.com) or call 403-390-1925.
- **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](mailto: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. Leader: Angela Wigglesworth, Email: [BUCfirstthirdministry@gmail.com](mailto:BUCfirstthirdministry@gmail.com). Phone: (587)229-3878.

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**Deadline** for the bulletin is Wednesday