

**Balzac Pastoral Charge  
The United Church of Canada  
Reformation/All Saints Sunday  
October 27, 2024 9:30 AM  
Minister: Rev. Kelly Grittner  
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan & Dr Alex Shawn**

**Prelude:**

*Valse Triste*

*J. Sibelius*

**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.”

**Prayer for Centering (unison)**

**when I need silence, when I am still,  
when I am weary, help me rest in You.**

**Amen**            (© Sarah Agnew, September 2009)

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to worship**

God is in our midst.

**Come, let us celebrate God’s presence.**

Christ is in our midst.

**We are here to listen for the call to serve others.**

The Spirit is in our midst.

**We are aware of a power, greater than ourselves, to lead, guide, and uplift us.**

**Hymn**

*Open My Eyes That I May See”*

*VU 371*

**Prayer for Unburdening (unison)**

**Faced with sickness we cannot fix,  
injustice we cannot overturn,  
ignorance we cannot change,  
poverty we cannot solve,  
war we cannot stop,  
wrong we cannot undo,  
we confess to you, our God,  
that sometimes we turn away,  
and do not choose your way of healing love.**

**Preserve us from the unkind word, the unsympathetic heart,  
the unbridled ambition. Purify us and set us once again upon  
the path where life flows deep and pure and true. Amen**

### **Words of Affirmation**

Jesus said to those he healed, as God says to us today,

**"I do choose,  
I choose to love you.  
Be made whole again".  
Amen.**

### **Hymn Psalm 113**

*Praise to the Lord*

*VU 835*

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:24-34 "Serving Two Masters"**

### **Reflection "Is This How You Love Me God?"**

### **Hymn**

*It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

*MV 30*

### **Presentation of the Offering & Offertory:**

### **Hymn**

*Grant Us, God, the Grace*

*VU 540*

**Grant us God the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free  
That ourselves and all our living,  
we may offer faithfully"**

### **Dedication of the Offering**

**Bless these gifts, that they may heal the broken  
hearted, that they may mend the wounded,  
and proclaim justice to the nations. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and 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**

*Precious Lord Take My Hand*

*VU 670*

### **Commissioning & Blessing**

As receivers of light,

**we will gladly bear light to the world.**

As those gifted with creativity and hope,

**we will boldly offer love to the world.**

And as those restored in the image of God,

**we will creatively share our beauty within the world.**

**Hymn**                      *Walk With Me" (Refrain)*

VU 649

**"Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through" (repeat)**

**Postlude :**      *Halloween Medley*              *arr. L. Dowan*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Communion** - We are looking for people who are interested in someone to help with the communion on Nov 3,2024
- **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.
- **BUC & IUC Shared Services** – We will be sharing a service with Irricana United Church over the next month as follows:
  - **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.
- **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,  
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**Deadline** for the bulletin is Wednesday