

# **Balzac United Church** September 14, 2025 – Pentecost 14: Season of Creation **Guest Minister: Rev. Robert Mutlow** Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn

**Pianist: Michelle Johnston** 

#### **Prelude:**

### **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 –** Introduction: Season of Creation 2025

**Call to Worship:** Garden of Peace – Isaiah 32.14-18

Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things, who calls us

To dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, in quiet resting places. Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ,

who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of right relationships.

Come, let us walk in the footsteps of Jesus,

seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,

bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of Creation.

Come, let us praise the Creator in this Season of Creation 2025,

reviving the land, calling us to be peacemakers with all of Creation.

VU 217 vs.1,2,3 & 5 **Opening Hymn:** All Creatures of Our God and King

#### Opening Prayer

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts,

stir us to compassionate action.

Inspire us to work for the end of conflict,

and for the full restoration of broken relationships with you, with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity

with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.

Through your resurrection, make us people of hope—

with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labor for your peace—

where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.

**Time for Young and Young at Heart:** Fall: New Beginnings

Hymn: I'm Gonna Shout, Shout MV 183

### Candles of Joy, Concern, & Sorrow

Congregation members come forward and light candles – prayer requests.

May our prayers rise like incense, a song of love for all Creation.

We thank the Lord for giving life to all Creation!

We thank God for our neighbors' life, human and non-human alike.

We share the hope and the sufferings of our siblings in the whole Creation.

In communion with the waves of the sea, with the waves of the trees, We recite Psalm 139:14 together, knowing that we are loved and forgiven.

"God, I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Amen

**Hymn:** There is Room for All (3X - Seated) MV 62

**Scripture Readings:** 

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17 – Paul's Conversion Gospel Reading: Luke 15.1-10 – Lost Sheep & Lost Coin

**Special Music:** At This Table Solo by: Dr. Alex Shawn

**Message:** A Place at the Table (There is room for all at Jesus' Table)

**Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

**Time of Offering** 

Offertory:

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**Prayers of the People & Our Father** 

**Communion:** 

**Closing Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

**Benediction** 

Postlude: