

Balzac United Church
October 26, 2025, 10:00am
Guest Minister: Rev. Linda Hunter
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn

Our scripture passage today evokes an image of finding strength in the act of pouring oneself out, giving everything to God, holding nothing back, being fully present with God, even in death. Would we be able to find that kind of courage?

Prelude *Come, Worship the King* arr. S. Nelson

The Introit *O God, We Call* #411 VU

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Today, we honour the Treaty 7 peoples—the Siksikka (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney-Nakoda and Tssut’ina. These five nations lived on the land of southern Alberta and northern Montana. They worked, hunted, played and celebrated, through ceremony, their culture and their people. Today, we also honour the Metis people of this territory, Districts 5 and 6, and thank them for enriching this land by their presence. The Metis people are a distinct Indigenous group with a unique history, culture and language, descended from unions between First Nations women and European men, primarily fur traders. We honour all Indigenous peoples who lived on this land before us.

Lighting the Christ Candle

May our worship service today be a time of spiritual nurture and connection with our wondrous God. May the flame that dances into life this morning bring us hope and remind us of the loving ministry of Jesus.
(the Christ Candle is lit)

The Call to Worship

We come to you this day as ordinary, yet uniquely created people, people who are seeking to live lives of love and compassion.

**As ordinary, yet uniquely created people,
we answer your powerful call to come into your presence.**

Bless the worship we offer to You this day, O God.

Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* #232 VU

Candles of Joy, Concern and Sorrow

Opening prayer

As we gather together today, O God, we are here to be reminded of your great love for us and your great care of us. Hold us, nurturing God, as we long for a future less angry and divided. Plant seeds of faith within our hearts so that our church may provide a home where all people experience your love.

Hymn *I Am a Child of God* #157 MV, verses 1/5

A Time of Child Honouring

Based on Matthew 19:13

"I Believe in You"

Written and illustrated by Marianne Richmond

Scripture Reading *Second Timothy 4:6-8*

Reflection *“Running a good race”*

Hymn *I Have Called You by Your Name* #161 MV

Offering Invitation

Remembering the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, grateful that you call us to share in the joy of spreading your love, knowing that all of us are in need of help as we run the course of our lives, we are invited now to pour out our love through our morning offering. Our morning offering will now be received.

Offering	<i>A La Ru</i>	G. Parker
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Prayer of Dedication

**In the example of Jesus, whose love has been poured out over us,
we offer these gifts that they may support the work of this
congregation and bring healing to our broken world. AMEN**

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

Closing Hymn *One More Step Along the World I Go*

#639 VU, verses 1/3/5

The Blessing and Sending Forth

Go forth this day with the confidence of God's love written on your heart.

Whatever this week brings, trust in God.

And God will guide you with grace and pour out love upon you. **AMEN**

Postlude *Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho*

arr. M. McDonald