

Balzac United Church
October 5, 2025, 10:00am
Guest Minister: Dr. Alex Shawn
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn

Prelude: *Count Your Blessings* arr. K. Renfrow

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:

The roads we travelled today to this place helped us experience a small part of God’s beautiful creation. We glory in the foods that are produced in our midst:

The awesome diversity of corn and zucchini, squash and tomatoes, pumpkins, and green beans.

God feeds us through the warmth of sunshine, rain, and the rich soil. We are God’s creation partners who sow the seeds and keep threats to growth to a minimum.

We do our part as co-creators in our small corners.

And yet, God’s creations is so much bigger than we can imagine. The universe is filled with things we have not even seen.

We cannot understand the whole picture of creation, but we can move back from time to time to remember that we are not the only ones God has created.

Let us worship our Creator God, with praise, with love, and with hope.

Opening Hymn: *Take My Life and Let it Be* VU #506

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: *Come Touch Our Hearts* MV #12

Scripture: **Matthew 5:1–12**

Message: **The Beatitudes with an Attitude** Dr. Alex Shawn

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us* VU #562

Offertory: *Give Thanks* arr. C. Curry

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* arr. M. Hyzer