

**Balzac United Church**

**March 15, 2026, 10:00am**

**Guest Minister: Patricia Dyson**

**Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn**

Our scripture passage today challenges how we see God, see each other, see the world, and see ourselves. Are we blind and need God's healing, and will we accept that healing when it is offered?

**Prelude**      *The Lord's My Shepherd*                      arr. S. Nielson

**The Introit**

**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**

God calls us to see one another and this world with clear eyesight, with loving hearts, and with listening ears.

May our worship reflect our thankfulness to our God who gives us the gifts we need to fulfill this calling.

**Opening Hymn**     *Open My eyes, That I May See*     VU371

**Candles Of Joy, Concern and Sorrow**

**Opening Prayer**

God of life, you offer to us the healing we need to have our blindness to your presence removed. In this time of worship may we feel your power restoring and refreshing us, so our hearts experience your love, and we are strengthened for our journey of faithfully living your word. Amen

**Hymn**                     *The Lord is My Shepherd*                     VU Pg. 747

**A Time of Child Honouring**

**Scripture Reading**             *John 9:1-41*

**Reflection**                     *Are We To Blind To See*

**Hymn**                             *Just As I Am*                             VU508

**Offering Invitation**     *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. S. Nielson

**Prayer Of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Prayer of Jesus Closing**

**Hymn**                             *Amazing Grace*                             VU266

**The Blessing and Sending Forth**

There are none so blind as those who will not see.

**As we leave this time of worship, may our eyes and hearts be opened by the love of God, that we bring kindness, comfort, and commitment to all we do and say.**

May we go from this worship to be a blessing in the service of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit. **Amen.**

**Postlude**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      arr. S. Nielson

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