

Balzac United Church
April 5, 2026, 10:00am
Guest Minister: Rev. Ruth McArther
Music Ministry: Lee Dowan, Dr. Alex Shawn

Prelude *Resurrection Medley* arr. M. Hayes

The Garden - Daffodils Procession
Praise Him! Praise Him! arr. F. Millholland

The Introit *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks* VU179

Welcome And Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting The Christ Candle

The Call To Worship (Responsively)

ONE: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

ONE: God has said a resounding “Yes!” to the world!

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Joy Comes with the Dawn* VU166

Candles Of Joy, Concern And Sorrow

Prayer Of Confession (responsively)

As we reflect on the events of Holy Week - this past week... **we say... I’m SORRY.**

We imagine Peter’s feelings... ..

... And in our time of silent confession...

Words Of Affirmation

ONE: On this day of days we celebrate that, no matter what we may have said to God from time to time, God proclaims to us words of hope and forgiveness. No

matter what we have done, know that God forgives you, and loves you, and invites you to celebrate new life.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn *Welcome Happy Morning* VU161

Community Time

Sing - The Lord's My Shepherd vs 1 VU747

Story - "*I Have Seen the Lord*" Based on John 20:1–18

Response - PSALM 23 (Responsively) VU749

Sing - The Lord's My Shepherd vs 1 VU747

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34–43

Reflection *God of New Things*

Anthem CHRIST IS RISEN

Offering Invitation *Risen* arr. R. Summers

Prayer Of Dedication

Loving God, may what we offer here this morning be a prayer: that we may be blessed as living testimony to your good news, that our offerings may be blessed as good news to use in the world, and that your word may live within us in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont.

Prayers Of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* VU155

Commissioning

The limits of death are gone.

Joy fills our hearts.

The disciples are renewed.

We will follow the Way of Jesus faithfully.

The powerful are defeated.

All who feel downtrodden are offered hope.

The faith community is inspired.

Together we will change our small corner of the world for good.

As God's Easter People, we will be renewed.

Hallelujah. Thanks be to God. Amen

David Sparks, Rossland, B.C.

The Blessing

Musical Postlude *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. L. Shackley

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