



# RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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**February 18, 2018**  
**Whole Community Worship**

## We Gather Together

*For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. As we worship today, we honour their stewardship of this land through the ages.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Introit                      *Lord Prepare Me*    MV 18

Call to Worship        *Body Prayer*

Opening Prayer        *A Lenten Prayer (unison)*    VU 110

God of Love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us; so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn        *Spirit Open My Heart*    MV 79

### Children's Time One

Children's Hymn        *Lord, Listen to Your Children*    VU 400

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading    Luke 18: 9-14  
                                  1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Anthem                      *As I Went Down to the River to Pray*

Reflection                Lenten Practices    Ben Severson

Hymn                        River    MV 3

Reflection                Prayer    Carolyn Miller

### Prayers of the People

## We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering                      *Deep in our Hearts*    MV 154

### Children's Time Two

Parting Hymn        *You Shall Go Out with Joy*    VU p. 884-5

### \*Benediction

*\*denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

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### Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Congregational Ministry  
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus  
Joanne Olson, Health Ministry  
Paula Roberts, Music Director  
Andrew Sims, Accompanist  
Ben Severson, Youth Ministry  
Emily Severson, Children's Ministry  
Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director  
Jacqueline Pambrun-Hunt, Office Manager

### Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair  
Christine Ens, Past Chair  
Tom LaPointe, Treasurer  
David Galbraith, Property & AV  
David Faber, Lay Worship Leader  
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor  
Peggy Robinson, Communion  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion