



# RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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*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.*

## We Gather Together

### Prelude

Andrew Sims

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

*Come All Ye People*

MV 2

### Call to Worship

Hallowed be thy name, God of life!

**We gather on the Lenten road to the cross  
to worship the divine, the source,  
the original point of stillness,  
the Creator, the Mother and Father of all things,  
the eternal spring from which all life flows.**

We gather to enter the mystery of God  
and to remember that we are offered new life, now.

**May our worship open our hearts in love  
and our hands in service,  
that we may leave from this place  
renewed and renewing followers of Jesus,  
ready to choose love over hate,  
kindness over self indulgence, life over death.  
Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*Bring Many Names* vss. 1-3 VU 268  
*Choir--verse 1; then Congregation—verses 1-3*

### Children's Time

Emily Severson

### \*Children's Hymn

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

### Affirming Moment

Diane Hawrelak

### Scripture Reading

Psalms 8  
Exodus 3: 3-14

VU 732

### Anthem

### Reflection

"Hallowed Be Thy Name!" Rev. Valerie Oden  
*Lenten Series on the Lord's Prayer*

### \*Hymn of the Day

*Bring Many Names* Vss. 4, 5, 6

VU 960

### Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

### Unison Prayer

**God of many names, may we find you in new ways.  
May we trust in your love, in your forgiveness, in your grace.  
May we travel this Lenten road to the cross with courage,  
willing to enter the dark because we know your light.  
In the name of the Christ we pray, Amen.**

### Silent Personal Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 960

## We Share our Gifts and our Lives

### Offering Our Gifts

\*Offering Hymn/Prayer *You Are Holy (English, Zulu, English)* MV 45

\*Closing Hymn *I See a New Heaven* vss. 1-3 VU 713

### \*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*  
*(In honour of Black History Month)*

### \*Postlude

Andrew Sims

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

## The Lord's Prayer: A Paraphrase

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created things!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

*J. Cotter*