



# 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

*I am the Dream* vs. 1

MV 106

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

One: May the angels of light glisten for us this day.

**All: May the universe be on fire with invitation this day.**

One: May the Spirit's breath renew our dry bones.

**All: May the heaven's wind stir us to fresh awakenings as we worship today.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

### Children's Time

*Children are invited forward for a special time.*

### Children's Hymn

*Like a Rock*

MV 92

*After this hymn, children age Pre-School and younger are welcome in the Family Room adjacent to the sanctuary for supervised activities, and children grades K-6 can go downstairs for Sunday School. Grades 7 & older can join Youth Discussion downstairs.*

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

### Scripture Readings

Psalm 104: Part One

VU 826

Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

### Anthem

### Reflection

"When Dry Bones Live"

*Epiphany Series 2: "We Dream Impossible Dreams"*

### \*Hymn of the Day

*Dance With the Spirit*

MV 156

## We Share In Prayer

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Unison Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Source of endless compassion and consolation,  
your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
that we may face our trials with the hope of your light.  
Help us to dance with the Spirit,  
the breath of life,  
which calls us out of the valley of dry bones  
and into your realm of eternal life now. Amen.**

### Response

*O God, Hear our Prayer (adapted)* VU 948

*O God hear our prayer, O God hear our prayer:*

*When we call, answer us.*

*O God hear our prayer, O God hear our prayer:*

*Come and listen to us.*

### Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

## We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

### Offering Our Gifts

### \*Offering Hymn / Prayer

*In the Bleak Midwinter* vs. 4

VU 55

### \*Closing Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision* vss. 1, 2, 5

VU 642

### \*Benediction

### \*Musical Benediction

*We Shall Go Out with Hope...*

VU 586

### \*Postlude

Andrew Sims

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

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*Riverbend United Church  
Welcomes You*

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Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Congregational Ministry  
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