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January 21st, 2018
Whole Community Worship

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "And on This Path" **MV #8**

Call to Worship

In this season of shortened days and dark nights we gather as followers of Jesus - our light that shines in the darkness.

We gather as followers of Jesus - our bread which provides spiritual nourishment.

We gather as followers of Jesus - our Shepherd, our Teacher, our Guide.

**WE ARE THE TWO OR THREE GATHERED IN HIS NAME -
COME LET US OFFER WORSHIP AND PRAISE!**

Opening Prayer

Loving God; the constant in our lives, this morning we come to give thanks for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. You sent him to show us the way to live a life filled with love, mindful of the needs of others. We know that Christ walks with us as we strive to be a compassionate faith community; bringing solace to those who grieve, companionship to the lost and lonely and opening our arms in welcome to all who enter this sacred place. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Will You Come and See the Light?" **VU #96**

Children's Time One "What's In a Name?"

Children's Hymn "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" **MV #183**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Reading John 1:1-5, 8:12

Reflection Jesus: Light of the World

*Hymn "Bread of Life" **MV #194**

Reading John 6:23-35

Reflection Jesus: Bread of Life

Reading Luke 15: 1-7

Reflection Jesus: The Shepherd

Prayers of the People

We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" verse 1 **MV #183**

Children's Time Two Jesus the Teacher

Hymn "Are You a Shepherd?" **MV #126**

Congregational Response

Parting Hymn "Praise" Words projected

*Benediction

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

***This Sunday's service has been prepared by the
Whole Community Worship Team.***

*Riverbend United Church
Welcomes You*

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