



# 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

Mission and Service Moment      *May the Peace of God*      MV 222

*If your family has had a special event this month, we invite you to bring forward a donation to the M&S fund to mark that event as we sing.*

### Call to Worship

One: We gather as the lost and the found, the seeking and the sage, the silent and the singing.

**All: We gather as diverse people with different dreams, drawn forward as a community of faith.**

One: We worship today sharing in the divine dream of a better world.

**All: May our prayer and our song, our presence and our communion comfort us and challenge us as we move on down the road of faith together. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      *When Morning Gilds...* vss 1-3      VU 409

Children's Time      *Children are invited forward for a special time.*

## We Share in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Please see insert*

Hymn of Blessing      *Out of Deep Unordered Water* vss. 1-2      VU 453

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

### Scripture Reading

Numbers 14: 1-24

Readers: Heather Ainsworth, The Israelite; John Adomonis, Moses; Isaac Schoenhardt, Caleb; Phil Sevigny, The Lord

### Anthem

### Reflection

"Wholeheartedly Dreaming"

*Epiphany Series 4: "We Dream Impossible Dreams"*

## We Share In Prayer

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

*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      *Grant Us, God, the Grace*      VU 540

\*Closing Hymn      *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*      VU 421

### \*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction      *Prayer of Dedication*

### \*Postlude

Andrew Sims

*Special thanks to Rev. Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus,  
for participating in today's service of Baptism.*

*\*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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**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Riverbend United Church is  
to **celebrate** the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
to **embody** the Good News for the world, and  
to **welcome** one another in the name of Christ.

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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  
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David Galbraith, Property & AV  
David Faber, Lay Worship Leader  
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor  
Peggy Robinson, Communion  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion