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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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

Choir

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer *(John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth)*

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 sun's new rising fill us with gratitude.

All: May the heaven's wind stir our depths and may fresh awakenings arise within us.

One: May the mighty angels of light glisten in all things this day.

All: May they summon us to reverence and call us to life.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come

VU 79

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Children are invited forward for a special time.

Children's Hymn

River vss. 1-2

MV 3

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

Reader: Jacqueline Pambrun-Hunt

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 60

VU 886

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Anthem

Reflection

"Do We Dare Follow the Light?"

Epiphany Series 1: "We Dream Impossible Dreams"

*Hymn of the Day

I Am the Dream

MV 106

We Share In Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer

(Gail Ramshaw, 1988)

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

With the birth of your Son,

you have brought us into your new creation.

Form us into your people, and order our lives in you;

Through Christ, the Living One, Amen.

Response

O God, Hear our Prayer

VU 948

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. 2

VU 55

*Closing Hymn

I Am the Light of the World

VU 87

*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*

*Riverbend United Church
Welcomes You*

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

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