



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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July 1, 2018 CANADA DAY
10:00 a.m.

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 Marco Adria

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Please See Insert

*Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* **VU 226**
(Tune: VU 81)

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

*National Anthem *O Canada* **VU 524**
"... in all of us command..."

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Anthem

Reflection "...according to what one has" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *For the Healing of the Nations* **VU 678**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn *O God Hear Our Prayer* **VU 948**

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts Marco Adria

*Offering Hymn *Grateful (Refrain)* **MV 182**

*Offering Prayer

*Heritage Hymn *Now Thank We All our God* **VU 236**

*Benediction

*Response *You Shall Go Out with Joy* **VU 884**

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

Special thanks to Marco Adria, substitute pianist today

*Thank you also to Rev. Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus,
for helping to lead today's service.*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

If you are new with us, we're glad you're here and we would love to meet you. Please also feel free to fill out a contact card if you would like to receive our weekly email updates.

Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus
Joanne Olson, Health & Care Ministry
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Andrew Sims, Accompanist
Vacant, Youth Ministry
Emily Severson, Children's Ministry
Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director
Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair
Christine Ens, Past Chair
Tom LaPointe, Treasurer
David Galbraith, Property & AV
Jim Schetzslle, Property
Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor
Peggy Robinson, Communion
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion

**Upcoming Sermon Series:
“Summer Breezes”**

Join us in July as we honour the “Priesthood of all believers.” Lay members of our congregation will share their unique perspectives on various topics. Valerie is here all month and will be conducting the services of worship with these people sharing as part of it.

July 8	Jacqueline Hunt	“Summer Storms”
July 15	Heather Dettman	“Faith as a Journey”
July 22	Dave Rumbold	“Community Matters”
July 29	Stephen Bamforth	“Reflections of Light”

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer
A Canada Day Litany
(From Celebrate God's Presence)

Response (Sung):

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

One: Holy God, for the work of your Spirit amongst the first peoples of this land,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

One: For the Aboriginal peoples with whom we live in treaty,

All: Even as we hear the call to make things right with them, we give you thanks and praise.

One: For the pioneers and explorers who faced the unknown, who were drawn on by wonder, hope, and vision,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Response (Sung):

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

One: For those who harvested the rich resources of this land, responsibly and with care,

All; we give you thanks and praise.

One: For those whose labour has fed us, clothed us, and built for us homes and communities,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

One: For parents, grandparents, all builders and creators,

All: For those who have served faithfully in communities and governments, we give you thanks and praise.

Response (Sung):

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

One: For Canada and for Canadians, for the peoples of the provinces and territories,

All: And for all that has caused them to be honoured in the worldwide community of nations, we give you thanks and praise.

One: For all who with vision, courage, and perseverance, speak prophetic words that we may see all who are wounded and pushed aside,

All: For all who move us to honour and respect each of our sisters and brothers, we give you thanks and praise.

Response (Sung):

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

One: For children and youth who will claim this day and tomorrow as their own

All: and who will build for their children and their children's children, we give you thanks and praise.

One: For this day and for these critical times in which you call us to choose life over death,

All: for this land, this nation, for all your goodness to us, we give you thanks and praise.

One: Now gracious God, tune our hearts to truly sing your praise,

All: And open our hearts to live the gratitude we know.

Response (Sung):

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Opening Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

VU 226