



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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June 24, 2018
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

Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Morning has Broken vss. 1 & 3 VU 409

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer *(From A Song of Faith, adapted)*

One: The Fullness of life includes moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out.

All: The fullness of life includes beauty, truth and goodness, ordinary moments filled with extraordinary meaning.

One: And so we sing of the Spirit who animates life, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing as a sigh too deep for words.

All: We come to You, Spirit of God, as you enfold our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world; we come to You as your children of joy, forgiven, loved, and free. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *I Come With Joy* vss. 1, 4, 5 VU 477

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

*Hymn of Invitation to New Members *Come, Children* vss 1 & 3 VU 345

If you wish to join this church, please come forward as we sing this hymn. We welcome you!

Receiving New Members

Congregational Response

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
We rejoice in your presence among us,
and we celebrate the new perspectives you bring.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will live out the mission
and ministry of Christ's church together.**

Choir Anthem

After this child-friendly anthem, children are welcome to join Emily outside for an end of year final Sunday School celebration.

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading

Reader: Charles Hitschfeld
Psalm 63 Refrain 1
Romans 8: 22-26

VU 781

Choral Response

Reflection

"How then shall we pray?" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* VU 684

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart (Refrain only) MV 79

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts / Offering Prayer

Benediction

*Heritage Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

Go in peace!

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

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 Ministry
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Andrew Sims, Accompanist
Ben Severson, 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 Schetzslsle, 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 1	Valerie Oden	"Then and Now"
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"