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The 6th Sunday of Easter

We Gather Together

Prelude Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Rondo Passacaglia (Dobrniski)* Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

We gather at the Table of Christ,
conscious of those who first walked upon this land.

**We are committed to honouring our treaty with
the Treaty Six nations and the Métis people.**

We gather as people who are hungry for meaning,
thirsty for life, joyfully being made new.

**We yearn to live resurrection,
to touch his sides with Thomas,
to quell our doubt with courage.**

Come friends, come to the table and taste and see
that Christ dwells within us, among us.

We come to worship as a people of hope.

Opening Prayer

**Loving God,
May we be found this day.
May we be known by the living Christ,
And find him among us.**

**In our thinking and in our speaking may we find
him. In our actions and in our being, may we
find him. May we join the new creation that is
promised and grow as people of love. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord* vss. 1, 2, 4 VU 220

Children's Time Emily Severson

Children's Hymn *Rejoice in the Lord* VU 249

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Reader: Charles Hitschfeld
Psalm 98 (Refrain 1) VU 818
John 20: 19-31

Anthem *On the Wings of Song & Prayer* Mary McDonald

Reflection "...And Have Life" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of the Day *You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen* Vss. 1-3 VU 185

Offering Our Gifts *Mountain Mist Meditation (Dobrniski)* Handbells

We Share In Communion

Communion Hymn *We Gather Here* VU 469

The Invitation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister goes on, remembering the story.

...And so with your people on earth and all the company
of heaven, we join the song of all creation to proclaim your
goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessing the Bread and the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Communion

Please come forward as able down the centre aisle, receive the bread and dip it in the cup then return to your seat by the outside aisle. We use grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in the centre station. If you prefer to be served in your seat, please lift a hand when the servers come toward you.

We Go Forth to Serve

Benediction

Here we have tasted eternal goodness.

Here we have been found in love.

May we go into this week believing that Christ lives among us and within us.

**May we go forth being made new each moment,
and being vessels of newness for the world.**

*Musical Benediction *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* VU 481

*Postlude Andrew Sims

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

*Thank you to Stephen and Fiona Bamforth
for preparing today's Communion elements.*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

If you are new with us, we would love to meet you after worship.

****On June 3 we move to the summer worship time of 10:00****