



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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August 12, 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 *Behold, Behold, I Make All things New (2x)* **MV 115**

Call to Worship

One: We gather this morning to worship a loving and transforming God.

All: We gather seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and perspective.

One: We come together that we might receive enough courage & guidance to live faithfully throughout the week ahead.

All: Let us turn to the one who is the bread of life.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we seek fullness of life through our relationship with you, the bread of life. Help us, through You, to find right relationship with You, ourselves, others, and the world of which we are a part. May we be prepared to become vulnerable, when necessary, in order that we may become the people you are calling us to be. May we sense your spirit in our worship today. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* **VU 375**

*Passing the Peace

Faith Focus

*Children's Song *Eat This Bread and Never Hunger* **VU 471**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130 (Response 2) **VU 853**
Epistle: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; Romans 7: 15-24
Gospel: John 6: 35, 41-51

Anthem

Bread of Life

Reflection "Wonder Bread or Wondrous Invitation?" Dr. Doug Spaner

*Hymn of Response *Like a Healing Stream* **MV 144**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Choral Call to Prayer *O God Hear Our Prayer* **VU 948**

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts Andrew Sims

*Offering Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation Vs. 1* **VU 227**

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* **VU 642**

*Benediction

*Response *We Shall Go Our with Hope of Resurrection (v1)* **VU 586**

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

VU refers to the red hard-bound hymnal called Voices United

MV refers to the paperbound hymnal called More Voices

***Beginning September 9
we worship together at 10:30 am.***

After carefully reviewing all the surveys from last Spring regarding preferred worship times, the Spiritual Formation Committee and RUC Board have discerned that maintaining the 10:30 am worship time for the Fall, Winter, and Spring is best for the majority of the congregation, while also preserving the 9:00 time for various group events and special studies. Thank you to all for participating, and special thanks to the 9:00 worshipping community for your flexibility and support of this decision.

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
Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director
Jacqueline Hunt, Officer 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