



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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August 19, 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 *Hope Shines as a Solitary Star* **MV 220**

Call to Worship

We have gathered for worship, but what are we expecting to happen?

Are we expecting those of us who are afflicted to be comforted, and those who are comforted to be afflicted?

We sometimes look for the wrong thing when we enter God's presence.

In our worship may we be opened to God's leading us to unexpected places on our Spiritual journey.

Opening Prayer

Creating One, Caring One, Guiding One, we turn to You in our worship this day. We also turn to the record of your developing relationship with us from mythical times through to the ministry of Jesus and his disciples in the book we call our Bible. Help us to see how that relationship is still developing as we journey in faith in our time. Amen

*Opening Hymn *This is God's Wondrous World* **VU 296**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

*Passing of the Peace

Faith Focus Seeing the Invisible, Hearing the Silence

*Children's Song *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* **MV 30**

Scripture Readings Genesis 2:4-3:13, 22-24
Psalm 139 **VU 861**
John 1:1-14

Anthem

Reflection Abusing the Bible Rev. Tom Sawyer

*Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word* **VU 313**

We Share In Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer *Lord Listen to your Children Praying* **VU 400**

Prayers

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

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

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* **VU 291**

*Benediction/Prayer of Dedication Back inside cover of *Voices United*

**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 Sunday September 9th
we worship together at 10:30 a.m.***

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 a.m. 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 Schetzslle, Property
Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor
Peggy Robinson, Communion
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion