



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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**August 5, 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

*(Celebrate God's Presence)*

One: Hey! Sleepy-heads and lazy-bones, live wires and hay-wires!

**All: God has given us another day for joy and compassion.**

One: God waits for our singing hoorays!

**All: And God waits for us to receive new life.  
So now, in Christly spirit, let us worship together.**

#### Opening Prayer

**Ancient One, breathe into us today with your summer breezes of life. Where our hearts are hardened, may we be softened by your gentle message of love. Where that message seems upside down to us, may we recognize that it's we who are upside down and may we let ourselves be righted by you. Amen.**

#### \*Heritage Hymn

*All Creatures of our God...*

**VU 217**

#### \*Passing the Peace

#### Faith Focus

#### \*Children's Song

*This is the Day*

**VU 412**

*The congregation is invited to echo the choir where fitting*

### We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

#### Scripture Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

#### Anthem

#### Reflection

"The Calling to Live Upside Down" Rev. Valerie Oden

#### \*Hymn of Response

*When a Poor One*

**VU 702**

#### Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

#### Prayer of the People

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**VU 684**

### We Share our Gifts and our Lives

#### Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Andrew Sims

#### \*Offering Hymn

*Grateful (Refrain)*

**MV 182**

#### \*Offering Prayer

#### \*Parting Hymn

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

**VU 333**

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Response

*God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing vs. 1*

**VU 425**

*\*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.*

**Please note:**

Valerie will be on holiday from August 9 – 30. During this time, pastoral care concerns may be addressed to Rev. Tom Sawyer (Minister Emeritus) or Joanne Olson (Care Coordinator). Thank you to both these fine people for helping. The office remains open each morning 9-noon.

Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister  
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus  
Joanne Olson, Health & Care Ministry  
Paula Roberts, Music Director  
Andrew Sims, Accompanist  
(In Search) Youth Ministry Coordinator  
  
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

**Sermon Series:  
“Summer Breezes”**

We continue to honour the “Priesthood of all believers” with the Summer Breezes series into August, where lay members and clergy share their unique perspectives on various topics.

Aug. 5      Rev. Valerie Oden  
  
Aug. 12     Dr. Doug Spaner  
  
Aug. 19     Rev. Tom Sawyer  
  
Aug. 25     David Faber  
  
Sept. 2      Rev. Valerie Oden