

RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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March 4, 2018

We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u> Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit I'm Gonna Live ... Vss. 1 & 4 VU 575

Call to Worship

We gather at the Table of Christ

as people who are:

broken seeking wholeness, grieving seeking healing, yearning seeking meaning.

We gather as followers of Jesus remembering that we belong to God, praying that God's kingdom may come, that kindness and love may spread upon earth, and that it may begin with us, today.

Opening Prayer

Ever-living, ever-loving God, open our hearts to your whisper today, that we may sense your spirit moving within us and among us.

Open our minds to new ideas that we may be stretched and grow.

Open our hands to receive your invitation to be your servants, letting your will be done in our lives. We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

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

<u>Children's Time</u> Emily Severson

Children's Hymn I've Got Peace like a River VU 577

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Isaiah 55: 1-3

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-47; Luke 17: 20-21

<u>Anthem</u>

Reflection "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done"

Lenten Series on the Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

We Share In Communion

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We Go Forth to Serve

*Closing Hymn When We Are Living vss. 1-3 VU 581

*Musical Benediction Lenten Benediction (Inside Back Cover of VU)

<u>*Postlude</u> Andrew Sims

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

Thank you to Joanne Olson, Parish Nurse, and Matthew Schoenhardt, RUC Board Chair, for assisting with today's service.

Thank you also to Peggy Robinson for preparing today's Communion elements.

Next Sunday, March 11th we enter Daylight Savings Time; we get to set our clocks forward an hour.

(Even if you come late, feel free to come to church!)

Riverbend United Church Welcomes You

Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Congregational Ministry Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus Joanne Olson, Health Ministry Paula Roberts, Music Director Andrew Sims, Music Ministry & Accompanist Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor Ben Severson, Youth Ministry Emily Severson, Children's Ministry Lois Samis Lund, Music Ministry, Handbells Jacqueline Pambrun-Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair Christine Ens, Past Chair Tom LaPointe, Treasurer Peggy Robinson, Communion Steward Jim Schetzsle, Property & Maintenance