



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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September 16th, 2018
10:30 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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *And on This Path* **MV #8**

Call to Worship

Our doors are open wide: encouraging all with questions, seeking answers, to enter in.
Our doors are open wide: inviting all who seek comfort and companionship, to enter in.
Our doors are open wide: calling friend and stranger alike, to enter in and worship in this faith community
This morning, our doors are open wide as we worship in fellowship with each other, listening for God's call.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, we return to your presence in this sacred place, energized after our summer travels, and excited by the infinite possibilities that lie ahead for this congregation in the coming year. Be with us, we pray, as we seek ways to help realize the hopes and dreams you have for each and every one of your children. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Guide. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* **MV #145**

Children's Time "Where Oliver Fits" by *Cale Atkinson*

Children's Hymn *I'm Gonna Shout, Shout* **MV #183**

We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Scripture: Psalm 57: 1-3, 7-11
 1st Corinthians 12:4-11
 Matthew 10:40-42

Reflection "Pieces of the Puzzle"

Hymn *Take O Take Me as I Am* **MV #85**

Prayers of the People

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Offering

Offering Anthem *Over My Head*

Offering Hymn *What Can I Do?* **MV #191**

Parting Hymn *We Will Go with God* **MV #223**

**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*

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
Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director
Joel Fleck, Youth Co-Coordinator
Alex Rasmussen, Youth Co-Coordinator
Emily Severson, Children's Ministry
Jacqueline Hunt, Office 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