



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

### We Gather Together

#### Prelude

Andrew Sims

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introit

*Come and Find the Quiet Centre vs. 1* **VU 374**

#### Call to Worship

Isaiah 55; 1-3 adapted

One: Ho you who are thirsty!

**All: Come to the waters and drink.**

One: Let us incline our hearts to God,

**All: Listening so that we may live.**

#### Opening Prayer

**May we listen for your eternal whisper, O God.  
May we open our hearts to the abundant life  
you offer. May we open our hands in service  
to those in need.**

**As we worship today on Treaty 6 lands, may we  
remember those who have come before us and  
honour them with our lives. Amen.**

#### \*Heritage Hymn

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* **VU 240**

#### \*Passing the Peace

### We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

#### Scripture Readings

I Samuel 3: 1-10  
Isaiah 55: 1-3

#### Anthem

#### Reflection

"Listening for Life"

Rev. Valerie Oden

#### \*Hymn of Response

*Spirit of Gentleness*

**VU 375**

#### 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

*Grateful (Refrain)*

**MV 182**

#### \*Offering Prayer

#### \*Parting Hymn

*Open My Eyes*

**VU 371**

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Response

Prayer of Dedication

Inside back cover of VU

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*\*denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined  
VU refers to the red hardback hymnal called Voices United  
MV refers to the paperbound hymnal called More voices*

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### **Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> we worship 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 a.m. 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  
(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 Schetzslle, Property  
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor  
Peggy Robinson, Communion  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion  
Jill Spaner, Presbytery Rep