



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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September 23th, 2018
10:30 a.m.

*This week marks the 30th Anniversary of the sod-turning
of Riverbend United Church: September 25, 1988.*

Thank you to those whose vision made our present ministries possible!

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Valerie Oden

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

Time of Preparation (Silence)

*We are invited into a time of silent, personal reflection, letting go
of the week's worries and opening to the fresh breath of grace.*

Call to Worship

One: As the divine love flows with every breath,

**All: So we are called to let such love move through
us to others.**

One: In our worship today, may we meet the sacred with
open hearts.

**All: And may the sacred lead us to the core of
humanity, where we are one.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Holy One, we return to your presence one more time
this morning, seeking to be made new. Refresh us, we
pray. Show us our sameness as human beings, so that
as we celebrate our diversity we may also see your
thread of love that weaves us together. Amen.**

*Heritage Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **VU 220**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Emily Severson, Children's Director

Children's Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104, Part Two Refrain 1 **VU 826**
Colossians 1: 15-18; Hebrews 1: 1-3

Reflection "The Evidence of Things Not Seen" Dr. Doug Spaner

*Today's reflection is part of our Affirming Congregation process of discernment.
We will vote November 18 whether to become an official Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Canada.*

Hymn of Response *Creator God You Gave Us Life* **MV 27**

We Share our Prayers, our Gifts and our Lives

Sharing our Prayers

Prayer Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Centre vs. 2* **VU 374**

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Hymn *Your Work, O God...vss. 1-2* **VU 537**

Parting Hymn *When Hands Reach Out...* **MV 136**
Tune: VU 440—Tallis' Canon

Benediction

Response *Come and Find the Quiet Centre vs. 3* **VU 374**

**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!

*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 Schetzle, Property
Ray Hawrelak, Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor
Peggy Robinson, Communion
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion