



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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10:30 a.m.

*Don't ask what the world needs.  
Ask what makes you come alive and go do that.  
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.  
—Howard Thurman*

### We Gather Together

#### Prelude

Andrew Sims

#### Welcome and Announcements

*As we share the ministries of the church, we remember that we worship on Treaty Six lands, and we honour those who came before us for generations before we got here.*

#### Mission & Service / Introit Linstead (Behnke) Handbell Choir

*Each last Sunday of the month, we are invited to mark the special events in our family's life of the past month by giving to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. Please see back of bulletin.*

#### Call to Worship Joel Fleck, Youth Co-Coordinator

One: Seekers of abundant life, come and worship!

**All: We come as we are, loved as we are, ready to be made new.**

One: We gather as the lost and the found, the sorrow-filled and the joy-filled, those with questions and fears, those with clarity and courage: human beings on the journey together.

**All: We gather as the community of Christ, weaving a tapestry of love.**

#### 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. May we trust what we know of your love, that we may leave this place being vessels of wholeness in this hurting world. Amen.**

\*Heritage Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* vss 1-4 **VU 217**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

#### Children's Time

\*Children's Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* vs. 1 **MV 145**

### We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107 Part One **VU 831**  
John 10: 1-15

Anthem *A Time For Turning* by Craig Courtney

Reflection "Life ... Abundant" Rev. Valerie Oden

\*Hymn of Response *The Lord's My Shepherd* **VU 747**

### We Share our Prayers, our Gifts and our Lives

Sharing our Prayers Dr. Joanne Olson,  
Parish Nurse/Care Coordinator

Prayer Hymn *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* **VU 400**

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer **VU 921**

Offering Our Gifts *Hallelujah* (Cohen) Handbell Choir

\*Parting Hymn *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* **VU 333**

\*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 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.*

**Mission and Service Fund  
of the United Church of Canada**

Our “M & S” giving helps the United Church across Canada reach out to those in need. Through the fund:

- Families needing food and care are welcomed and fed
- People who are sick in hospital are visited and accompanied
- People needing housing find shelter and security
- Students receive bursaries for the journey to becoming ministers
- Churches testing innovative ministry ideas get funding and coaching
- People from the margins find a welcome and a home in our church
- Searchers find spaces of belonging

Together, the gifts of all United Church members and adherents make a difference across the nation.

The last Sunday of each month, we here at Riverbend United Church are invited to bring our gifts forward to honour the special events in our family’s life for the past month. All of these gifts combined, along with the monthly giving to M & S from our tithes, yields a sum of approximately \$26,000 from this church to the M & S Fund of the general church. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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