



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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**September 9, 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

Andrew Sims

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

*Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

**MV 115**

### Call to Worship

Joel Fleck, Youth Co-Coordinator

One: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**All: This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.**

One: It is the place where God reaches into the corners of our lives,

**All: where God offers us the mystery of holy love.**

One: This is no ordinary gathering.

**All: This is the gathering of followers of Christ.**

### Opening Prayer (in unison) (Celebrate God's Presence)

**We come from scattered lives to this house of God,  
Seeking unity in the Spirit,  
Seeking the grace of Christ,  
Seeking the peace of God.**

**May our gathering today enliven us and renew us  
that we may move out listening and serving.**

**Amen.**

### \*Heritage Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise VU 264*

### \*Passing the Peace

### Children's Time

Emily Severson, Children's Coordinator

## We Baptise a Child of God

### Presentation of the Child

Tom and Sandy LaPointe

**MAVERICK JOHN MILLER**

Child of Brandon Miller and Sorcha Costante

### Questions and Promises for the Parents

### Promise of the Congregation

Will you, the people of God in this place, offer your loving, prayerful support of this child, doing all you can to nurture him in the Christian life, supporting his parents on the journey of faith?

**With God's help, we will share in caring for this child and for all God's children, nurturing him in love that he may grow in faith and be confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to abundant life.**

### Pouring of the Water

### Prayer of the People

**Loving God, bless with your Holy Spirit this child being baptized today. May your living water fill him throughout his days as he grows in faith and freedom in life in Christ.**

### The Baptism

### Welcoming the Child

MAVERICK JOHN

### \*Hymn of Blessing

*Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New* **MV 115**

*During this hymn, Children Grades K – 6 are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School or remain in worship with their parents. There is an infant/toddler room out the piano door with speakers and a one-way mirror for restless little ones. Youth Discussion begins now too, also downstairs.*

## We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Scripture Reading      Romans 1: 8-17; James 2: 14-18, 26

Anthem

Reflection              By Faith or by Works?      Rev. Valerie Oden

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Choral Call to Prayer      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **VU 400**

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

## We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts / Offering Prayer              Andrew Sims

\*Parting Hymn              *Let All Things Now Living*              **VU 242**

\*Benediction

\*Response      *Prayer of Dedication* - Back inside cover of *Voices United*

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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 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.*