



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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October 21st, 2018
10:30 a.m.

We Gather Together

Prelude

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 arrived.

Introit *Open Our Hearts*

MV 21

Call to Worship

We open our hearts and minds this day to Jesus, the Light of the World, who calls us to follow him.

We open our hearts and minds this day to Jesus, the Storyteller, who invites us to a deeper understanding of Your Kingdom.

We open our hearts and minds this day to Jesus, the Teacher, who encourages us all to come with our questions, seeking answers.

Today, we open our hearts and minds, eager to feel your presence and to hear your call as we offer our worship and praise.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Loving God, we come together as fellow travellers on a journey of faith, knowing that where two or three are gathered in Christ's name, he is with us; shepherding us to a deeper relationship with you. He was sent to be our guiding light; to show by word and deed how to live a life with love in action at its core. Sadly, all too often, we become so caught up with our own lives that we fail to recognize the needs of those around us; and showing your love

in action goes on the back burner. Today, we open our hearts and minds, ready to be transformed and renewed by Jesus' teachings. Today, we recommit to being faithful disciples of Jesus, ready to live a life of loving compassion for all. All this and so much more we pray in his name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome* **MV 137**

What is a Parable?

Parable of the Two Housebuilders told in a godly play style

Song *The Wise Man Built his House Upon the Rock*

Parable of the Prodigal Son told in a godly play style

Ensemble Anthem

Parable of the Great Feast told in a PowerPoint presentation

*Hymn *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* **MV 138**

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer (VU 921)

Offering *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving* **MV 185**

Parable of the Good Shepherd told in a godly play style

Hymn *Are You a Shepherd?* **MV 126**

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn *Go, Make a Difference* **MV 209**

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