



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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October 28th, 2018
10:30 a.m.

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 prior to our arrival.

We Gather Together

Prelude

Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit / Mission and Service Giving

Jubilance (A. L. Page)

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

One: We are gathered to worship God.

All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the grace of God's presence in our midst.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to continue learning and growing in love.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, we return to your presence again this morning, seeking to be made new. Refresh us, we pray. May we hear your call to love one another; may we grow in our appreciation for diversity; and may we listen with open hearts to the pain and joy of one another as we share the journey. Amen.

*Heritage Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

VU 226

Children's Time

*Children's Hymn

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands vs 1 **VU 570**

We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Stewardship Moment

David Olson, Stewardship Chair

Anthem

Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer

Welsh folk tune arr. J. Carter; words M. K. Beall

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 12: 15-19; Matthew 22: 36-39

Reflection

Andrew Sims

"The Whole in My Heart: Finding Self Affirmation, True Belonging, and Wholeheartedness"

We Share our Prayers, our Gifts and our Lives

Sharing our Prayers

Prayer Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

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

Offering Our Gifts

Handbell Choir

Fantasia for Handbells (M. Helman)

*Parting Hymn

It Only Takes a Spark

VU 289

*Benediction

*Response

Prayer of Dedication

Inside back cover of VU

**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!

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