



# RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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## Worldwide Communion Sunday

### We Gather Together

#### Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 100 **VU 824**

\*Opening Hymn *Come Ye Thankful People Come* **VU 516**

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Please take a moment to greet the neighbours around you and offer Christ's peace as our children come forward for Children's Time.*

#### Children's Time

Emily Severson

\*Children's Hymn *Come All you People* **MV 2**

*After this hymn, children grades K-6 can go downstairs for Sunday School. Grades 7 & older can join Youth Discussion downstairs. The "Family Room" has audio of the service if you would like to take your wee ones there. The door to it is behind the piano.*

### We Listen for God

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of the Autumn flame,  
There is so much in our lives for which we can give thanks,  
but we often forget to be thankful.  
There is abundance in our lives,  
but we end up noticing what we don't have.  
Open our hearts to your grace and your presence.  
Renew our sense of gratitude and enliven our response  
to your unconditional love. Amen.**

#### Silent Personal Prayer

#### Words of Assurance

#### Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 10: 25-37

Reflection "When Thanksgiving Flows" Rev. Valerie Oden

### We Give and Receive the Bounty of God

#### Offering Our Gifts

\*Hymn of Invitation *For the Fruit of All Creation* **VU 227**

The Great Thanksgiving **MV # 203, 204, 205** (*please see insert*)

The Lord's Prayer **VU # 914**

#### Sharing in Communion

Music by Andrew Sims

*All are welcome to share in Communion. Please come forward down the centre aisle to a serving station as you are able. Receive the piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free elements are in the centre station. If you wish to be served in your seat, a server will come to you.*

#### Prayer After Receiving

### We Respond with our Lives

#### Benediction

\*Parting Hymn *We Praise You, O God* **VU 218**

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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.*

## Sharing in Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving (*Celebrate God's Presence, 246*)  
(Please refer to **MV #203-205** for musical responses)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to be thankful!**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of light, Giver of life in all its diversity, Source of love:  
You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made  
and spun on its course among the planets.  
You breathe life into us  
and set us among all your creatures  
in a covenant of love and service.

**Even when we turn away from you,  
you do not forsake us.**

**You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,  
to remind us of your promise of peace,  
and to call us back to you from the ends of the earth  
in constant forgiveness  
as one body with many gifts.**

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
We give thanks for Jesus,  
for your love revealed in him.  
We give thanks that he shows us the Way,  
feeds the hungry and sets the captive free.

**So it is that we join the song of all creation  
to proclaim your goodness:**

Musical Response **MV # 203**

***O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name  
always!***

Blessing the Bread and the Cup

... and so, loving God, we share in this bread and this cup today  
to remember Jesus, to hear his call to be his hands and feet in  
this world. We share at this Table with all the world remembering  
that in Christ we are one.

Musical Response **MV # 204**

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!***

Prayer for Transformation

... May these gifts be for us the body and love of the Christ  
that we may be his love and light in this world.  
By your grace we pray, O God.

Musical Response **MV # 205**

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

The Lord's Prayer **VU # 914**

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Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, here we have tasted your goodness  
and received the fullness of your grace.  
Send us forth in faith, in hope, and in love,  
as renewed and renewing followers of Christ. Amen.**

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# *Riverbend United Church*

## *Welcomes You*

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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  
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Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor  
Peggy Robinson, Communion  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion