



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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Lent 2

*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

*Gather Us In*

MV 7

Call to Worship

*(A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada 2006)*

One: God is Holy Mystery,  
beyond complete knowledge,  
above perfect description.

All: **Yet,  
in love,  
the one eternal God seeks relationship.**

One: So God creates the universe  
and with it the possibility of being and relating.

All: **Grateful for God's loving action,  
We cannot keep from singing.  
We sing of Grace.**

Opening Prayer *(In Unison) (A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada, 2006)*

**Holy One, we sing of you as Creator;  
You make us live and move  
and have our being in You.  
In and with You,  
may we direct our lives toward right relationship  
with each other and with You.  
By your grace, You invite us into new life.  
We are grateful. Amen.**

\*Heritage Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

VU 686

Children's Time / Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me*

VU 365

*Children are invited forward for a special time. After the hymn, children grades K-6 can go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents with littler ones are welcome in the Family Room adjacent to the sanctuary where the service can be seen and heard. Grades 7 & older can join Youth Discussion downstairs.*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Lenten Contemplation

*Stay With Me*

VU 950

*During this time we are invited to take a few deep breaths and centre our hearts in the Holy. What is it that we need to let go of in our lives? What is it that we are being called into next in our faith journey?*

Lenten Litany *(In Unison)*

*(A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada, 2006)*

**We are all touched by brokenness.**

**Yet it does not—cannot—**

**undermine or overcome the love of God.**

**God forgives,**

**and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings  
with honesty and humility.**

**God reconciles,**

**and calls us to repent the part we have played  
in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other.**

**God transforms,**

**and calls us to protect the vulnerable,  
to pray for deliverance from evil,  
to work with God for the healing of the world,  
that all might have abundant life.**

**We sing of grace.**

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31: 1-4; 25; 31-34

Reflection

"We Sing of Grace"

Rev. Valerie Oden

\*Hymn of Response

*My Life Flows On*

VU 716

# We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

## Offering Our Gifts

\*Parting Hymn      *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*      VU 559

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction      Choir

\*Postlude      Andrew Sims

*\*denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined  
VU indicates the red hard-bound hymnal, Voices United  
MV indicates the small paper-bound hymnal More Voices*

*Join Rev. Valerie on Sundays at 9:15 am for  
a Lenten Study called "Singing a Song of Faith"  
March 17 – April 7  
No book required.*

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*Riverbend United Church  
Welcomes You*

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***If you are new with us we offer you a special welcome.***

Please feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pews or to our minister, Valerie. If you fill out a Contact Card from the pew rack we will send you a weekly email with upcoming events.

**Confirmation** for youth (grade 9 and up) and adults (separately) is being offered this Spring. Please see Valerie or call the office.