



## RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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*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

### Mission and Service / Introit *Let Us Build a House* vss. 1 & 5 MV 1

*Please come forward as you're able to offer a special financial gift for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada to honour special events in your family's life occurring in the last month.*

### Call to Worship

One: God is far and near.

**All: God is beyond and within.**

One: God is nowhere and everywhere, nothing and everything, infinite depth and infinite breadth.

**All: Today we worship the divine mystery, the source of all, moving in grandeur and presence, infinite and present in all life.**

### Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Holy One, we gather today as the seeking and the found, as the forgiving and the forgiven, as the loved and the beloved. May we enter Your eternal mystery and discover You newly. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *O Lord My God* vss. 1 & 2 VU 238

Children's Time *Children are invited forward for a special time.*

\*Children's Hymn *You Are Holy (Zulu / English)* MV 45

*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.*

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

### Scripture Reading

Joel Fleck, Lay Reader

Psalms 139

VU 861

Luke 17: 20-21

### Anthem

### Reflection

"God: Out There or In Here?" Rev. Valerie Oden

Hymns during Reflection: *Immortal, Invisible* vss. 1 & 4 VU 264

*Each Blade of Grass* vss. 1 & 3 MV 37

\*Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* vss. 1, 2, 5 VU 642

## We Share In Prayer

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Prayer Hymn

*O God, Hear Our Prayer*

VU 948

### Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

## We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

### Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

### \*Parting Hymn

*We Praise You O God*

VU 218

### \*Benediction

### \*Musical Benediction

*Prayer of Dedication*

### \*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*



Hearing assistance is available.  
Please ask at the sound booth.

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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 news & upcoming events.



The **United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund** supports ministries and programs in Canada and around the world, such as:

- Global and Canadian justice initiatives
- Aboriginal ministries and right relations
- Community ministries
- Theological education
- Faith formation – youth, camping, intercultural engagement
- Support to remote ministries
- Innovation in communities of Faith

Your special contribution is welcome!

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  
Emily Severson, Children's Ministry  
Joel Fleck, Youth Co-Coordinator  
Alex Rasmussen, Youth Co-Coordinator  
Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair  
Christine Ens, Past Chair  
Tom LaPointe, Treasurer  
David Olson, Finance  
Geoff Halferdahl, Property  
David Galbraith, Property & AV  
Ray Hawrelak & Jesse Lim, AV  
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Peggy Robinson, Communion/Decor  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion