



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

Introit

Spirit of Life

VU 381

Call to Worship

(Celebrate God's Presence)

One: We come to worship this morning brought together by the Spirit.

All: **May the Spirit come to us as wind and fire;**

Left side: **As the bubbling laughter of a child;**

Right side: **As healing touch.**

All: **May the Spirit come to us as the call to justice, as the voice of the mystics, or as the still small voice of peace.**

Opening Prayer

Living God, eternal Spirit, let your hot, bright, unstoppable energy which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn our hearts and this world again to you. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Maker in Whom We Live

VU 321

Children's Time

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.

*Children's Hymn

River vss. 1-2

MV 3

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading

Selected Sayings, The Gospel of Thomas

Anthem

Reflection

"Children of the Light"

Rev. Valerie Oden

Introduction to the Gospel of Thomas

We Share In Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn

Spirit of Life

VU 381

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering Our Gifts/ Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

*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.

*Riverbend United Church
Welcomes You*

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.

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
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