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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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Where Two or Three are Gathered* MV 14

Call to Worship *(A prayer from The Dancing Sun (UCC/Anglican Church of Canada), alt. for Aboriginal Sunday)*

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator, for the Creator is always with us.

All: God is with us in the call of a loon and in the flight of an eagle.

One: Our Creator is with us in the changing of the seasons.

All: God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.

One: Our Creator is with us in our giftedness and in our search for new understandings of ourselves, new visions of our communities.

All: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we come together this morning eagerly anticipating the long days of summer, which give us the opportunity to make new memories with our family and friends, whilst experiencing the beauty of Creation to its fullest. You have gifted us with senses which allow us: to **see** the miracle of Creation, in the unfurling petals of a flower, in rainbows which appear across the sky and

the colour of the landscape which changes with the seasons; to **hear** the miracle of Creation in the rustling of the wind in the trees, the lapping of the water on the shoreline, and the sound of the dawn chorus as day breaks; and to **feel** the miracle of Creation in the warmth of the summer sun, when a ladybug tickles our skin or when we catch raindrops with our tongue. May we take the time this summer to truly appreciate the wonders of our planet and everything that is provided by You, our Creator. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV 30

Children's Time "When We Go Camping" Margaret Ruurs

*Children's Hymn *Rise and Shine (Arky Arky Song)* *projected*

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 17:7-8
Psalm 36:5-9
Ephesians 4:15-16

Hymn *It Only Takes a Spark* VU 289

Children's Time "What would it be like?"

Song *Grab Another Hand* *projected*

Reflection "Camp, Church, Community" Carolyn Miller

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* *projected*

We Share In Prayer

Graduate Recognition

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Kumbaya*

Prayers of the People

We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering and Offertory Anthem *Praise the Mother*

*Parting Hymn *One More Step* VU 639

*Benediction

**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*

*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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