



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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July 29, 2018
10:00 a.m.

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 *Hope Shines as a Solitary Star* **MV 220**

Call to Worship

One: Then God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.

All: And God saw that the light was good.

One: We come to seek the light that shines in the dark to find our pathway home.

All: As we worship today, may we open our hearts to the light of God that fills every night with eternal dawn.

Opening Prayer

Ancient One, breathe into us today with your summer breezes of life. Where our hearts are hardened, may we be softened by your gentle flickers of light. May we recognize the beauty of this new day and be renewed by the gifts it brings. Amen.

*Heritage Hymn *Great is thy Faithfulness* **VU 288**

*Passing the Peace

Faith Focus

*Children's Song *This is the Day vs 1* **VU 412**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Old Testament: Genesis 1: 1-10
Gospel: John 1: 1-5

Anthem

Reflection "Reflections on Light" Dr. Stephen Bamforth

*Hymn of Response *I Am the Light of the World* **VU 87**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Choral Call to Prayer *O God Hear Our Prayer* **VU 948**

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts Andrew Sims

*Offering Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation Vs. 1* **VU 227**

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn *Will You Come and See the Light* **VU 96**

*Benediction

*Response *Hope Shines as a Solitary Star* **MV 220**

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

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.

Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus
Joanne Olson, Health & Care Ministry
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Andrew Sims, Accompanist
Vacant, Youth Ministry

Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director
Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair
Christine Ens, Past Chair
Tom LaPointe, Treasurer
David Galbraith, Property & AV
Jim Schetzslle, Property
Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Audrey Skinner, Chancel décor
Peggy Robinson, Communion
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion

**Sermon Series:
“Summer Breezes”**

We continue to honour the “Priesthood of all believers” with the Summer Breezes series into August, where lay members and clergy share their unique perspectives on various topics.

- Aug. 5 Rev. Valerie Oden
- Aug. 12 Dr. Doug Spaner
- Aug. 19 Rev. Tom Sawyer
- Aug. 25 David Faber
- Sept. 2 Rev. Valerie Oden