



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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July 15, 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 *Come and Find the Quiet Centre vs. 1* **VU 374**

Silent Meditation

Please take a few deep breaths in this moment of silence for clearing the chaos and the clutter and finding space within

Call to Worship

One: Come and worship, people of God.

All: We come as human beings on the journey of faith, seeking to grow toward wholeness in our lives and in this world.

One: Come and see what new thing God can do.

All: May we bring all that we are to this time together, and listen for the winds of the Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Source of life, breathe into us today with your summer breezes of life. Open us to receive what you offer, and send us renewed into the world that we may be ever growing vessels of love in this hurting world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Open My Eyes* VU 371

*Passing the Peace

Faith Focus

*Children's Song *River Vss. 1-2* **MV 1**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Psalm 139 **VU 861**
Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-8

Anthem

Reflection "Faith as a Journey" Heather Dettman

*Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* **VU 642**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn *O God Hear Our Prayer* **VU 948**

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts Andrew Sims

*Offering Hymn *Grateful (Refrain)* **MV 182**

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn *Amazing Grace vss. 1, 2, 3, 5* **VU 266**

*Benediction

*Response *Prayer of Dedication* Back inside cover of VU

**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”**

Join us in July as we honour the “Priesthood of all believers.” Lay members of our congregation will share their unique perspectives on various topics. Valerie is here all month and will be conducting the services of worship with these people sharing as part of it.

July 8	Jacqueline Hunt	“Summer Storms”
July 15	Heather Dettman	“Faith as a Journey”
July 22	Dave Rumbold	“Community Matters”
July 29	Stephen Bamforth	“Reflections of Light”