RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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December 30, 2018
1st Sunday After Christmas Day
10:30 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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Gather Us In* - **Sung Twice** **MV 7**

Call to Worship

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Come to us, Holy God as we gather before you; encircle us with your love. Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with your grace. Draw us 'round your living Word and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ, whose spirit is in our midst. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *There is Room for All* **MV 62**

*Passing the Peace

Faith Focus / Theme

*Faith Focus Hymn: *Dance with the Spirit (dance, move, sing)* **MV 156**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Hebrew: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148 **VU 871**
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs. 1,2* **VU 382**

Scripture Reading Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Reflection Your Journey with Jesus David Faber, LLWL

*Hymn of Response *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours* **MV 171**

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Choral Call to Prayer *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)* **VU 400**

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

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

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **VU 44**

*Benediction

*Response *Prayer of Dedication* - Back inside cover of *Voices United*

**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 fill out a contact card and leave it in the collection basket or the office if you would like to receive our weekly email updates.

Upcoming Events

- *Parables of Jesus* book study for four Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, **January 13th**, 2019
- *Funeral Pre-planning Seminar* Sunday, **January 13th**, 2019 at 12:00 noon in the Chapel

Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus
Joanne Olson, Health & Care Ministry
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Andrew Sims, Accompanist
Joel Fleck, Youth Co-coordinator
Alex Rasmussen, Youth Co-coordinator
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 Olson, Finance
David Galbraith, Property & AV
Ray Hawrelak & Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Peggy Robinson, Communion
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion