



# RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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## Baptism of Jesus

*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

*Arise, Shine (Isaiah 60) (Refrain only)* VU 886

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer (*Celebrate God's Presence*)

One: All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams.

**All: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

One: As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus, so the Holy Spirit washes over you and me.

**All: Love divine emerges, descends, beckons and renews us. May we give thanks for new life.**

### Opening Prayer (*In Unison*) (*Celebrate God's Presence*)

**Creator Spirit,  
moving over the waters, you renew our baptism.  
God of the flood, you bring newness across the earth.  
Holy Spirit, Jordan dove, you came upon Jesus;  
descend now upon us.  
Voice from heaven, call us by name.  
We are your beloved. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters* VU 442

### Children's Time / Hymn *River* vss. 1-2

MV 3

*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.*

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Matthew 3: 13-17; Mark 1: 9-11;  
Luke 3: 21-23; John 1: 29-33

### Anthem

Reflection "From Dove Descending to Daily Living" Rev. V. Oden

\*Hymn of the Day Psalm 42 *As the Deer* VU 766

## We Share In Prayer

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Response *O God, Hear our Prayer* VU 948

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

## We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

### Offering Our Gifts

\*Parting Hymn *I Was There ...* VU 644

### \*Benediction (*Celebrate God's Presence*)

One: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water, flow within us as a river of life.

**All: May we drink deeply of her wisdom.  
May we know our true thirst is always quenched.  
May we go into the world being refreshed and refreshing in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Musical Benediction *We Shall Go Out with Hope...* VU 586

\*Postlude Andrew Sims

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

## **Opportunities for growth:**

Today immediately following worship:  
Join us for a **Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop** offered by  
Serenity Funeral Home. Light lunch provided.

Join Rev. Valerie on Sundays at 9:15 am for  
“**The Parables of Jesus**” January 13 – Jan. 27. No book required.

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*Riverbend United Church  
Welcomes You*

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### ***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 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  
Christine Ens, Past Chair  
Tom LaPointe, Treasurer  
David Galbraith, Property & AV  
Ray Hawrelak & Jesse Lim, AV  
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides  
Peggy Robinson, Communion/Decor  
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion