



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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Whole Community Worship

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 *Open our Hearts*

MV 21

Call to Worship

We gather together today as followers of the Christ Child who was born, filled with Your Holy Light, in a stable so long ago.

We open our hearts to the Christ Child who is our Guide and Teacher, helping us to find a pathway to You.

AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH WE COME TO OFFER WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

Opening Prayer

God of Mystery, we come this morning seeking ways to refresh and deepen our relationship with You. The anticipation of Advent, as we eagerly awaited the birth of Jesus is over. The excitement of Christmas, filled with noise, laughter, family and friends has passed. The colder days, with creation covered by a blanket of snow, are upon us and feelings of anti-climax surround us. Remind us again that Your love enfolds us, whatever the season; that you will show us the dreams and visions you have for each and every one of us if we open our eyes to see and that we will feel your presence daily in our lives if we listen for you in the stillness. This we pray in the

name of the Christ Child. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* VU 374

Children's Time

Hymn *There'll be Sunshine in the Morning (projected)*

Slideshow of Creation

Hymn *Each Blade of Grass* MV 37

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Psalm 106: 1-5
Luke 13: 6-9

Reflection Emily Severson

Hymn *I am the Dream* MV 106

Reflection Doug Spaner

Ensemble Anthem *Sunshine* by River Matthews

We Share In Prayer

Prayers of the People

We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory *Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving* MV 185

Congregational Response

*Parting Hymn *Bread of Life* MV 194

*Benediction

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

Opportunity for growth

Join Rev. Valerie on Sundays at 9:15 am for
“The Parables of Jesus” January 20 & 27th. No book required.

*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 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