



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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/ Mission & Service *Open our Hearts*

MV 21

We are invited to share a donation with Mission & Service to honour special events in our families lives the last two months.

Call to Worship

We gather to seek the light of life.

We gather as followers of Jesus.

We gather as the lost and the found, the questioning and the confident, the wondering and the wandering.

May we be enfolded in the love of God today, that our faith may unfold in a new way.

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

G. Ramshaw, adapted

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

By grace you have brought us into your new creation.

Form us into your people,

And order our lives in you as children of Love.

Through Christ, the Living One, Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

VU 333

Children's Time

*Children's Hymn *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

VU 365

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings John 15: 9-17

Sharon Hoekstra

I John 4: 13-21

Choral Anthem

With Each Passing Moment

Music, J. Martin; Words, C. V. Sandell-Berg

Reflection

"First, Love"

*Hymn of Response *Love, Who made Me*

VU 565

We Share In Prayer

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Choral Call to Prayer *O God, Hear Our Prayer*

VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

VU 921

We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

Offering Our Gifts

*Parting Hymn *I Come with Joy, Vss. 1, 2, 4, 5*

VU 477

Benediction

*Response *Prayer of Dedication*

(Back cover of VU)

Postlude

Andrew Sims

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



Hearing assistance is
available. Please ask
at the sound booth.

Opportunity for growth

*Join Rev. Valerie on Sunday, January 27th at 9:15 a.m.
in the Chapel for “**The Parables of Jesus**”.
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 and other news of interest
to our United Church community.

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