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May 5, 2019
Communion Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude

Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Morning Has Broken

VU 409

Call to Worship

Joel Fleck

Are we prepared to be astonished by Love today?

**We come with open hearts ready to meet the living Christ
on the road of our lives.**

Such a meeting may interrupt our plans, change our path,
require everything of us.

We are ready to be astonished by Love today!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

**In this moment of mystery, in this moment of hope,
In this moment of life, loving God—
Open our hearts to the wonder of You.
Open the tombs we've created and show us the new life
that is possible in You.
Open our lives to be transformed by Your unexpected,
amazing grace.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Children's Time

Emily Severson

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.

*Children's Song

Like A Rock

MV 92

Offering Our Gifts / Offering Prayer (Unison)

**For the empty tomb, we are grateful.
For the abundance in our lives, we are grateful.
May our gifts ripple out in love, making a difference to this
community and beyond. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Readings

Psalm 30
Acts 9: 1-16

VU 757

Anthem

Reflection

Interruption and Eruption

*Hymn of Response

Joy Comes with the Dawn

VU 166

We Share at the Table

Giving Thanks

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Through our open hearts, God has room to move.

**All: We are ready for grace to break in as we share
in this holy meal.**

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Please come forward as you are able and receive the bread, dip it in the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free bread is available at the centre serving station. We use grape juice in all cups.

*If you wish to be served in your seats, please lift a hand
and the elements will be brought to you.*

We Leave as the Body of Christ

*Hymn of Parting *Amazing Grace* (Vss. 1, 2, 3, 5) **VU 266**

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *In the Bulb* (Verse 1) **VU 703**

*Postlude Andrew Sims

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined
VU indicates the red hard-bound hymnal, Voices United
MV indicates the small paper-bound hymnal More Voices*



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

*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 Church news & events.

Thanks to our Confirmation students for serving
communion with Valerie and Joel:

- Ayla Sevigny
- Kristen Rumbold
- Nathan Mills
- Isaac Schoenhardt