



# RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

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*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

*Gather Us in*

MV 7

### Call to Worship

(Celebrate God's Presence)

One: We have gathered to worship God.

**All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.**

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

### Opening Prayer

(Rod Sykes, Gathering, S/A 2012)

**However desperate we feel, however grim the challenges, your Spirit, O God, buoys us up. The tide of your grace surges among us. You are Lord of our life, constant in compassion, full of surprises. Refresh us, restore us, renew our commitment to you and to the Way of Jesus, through whom we pray. Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

*It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

MV 30

### Children's Time & Song

*Like a Rock*

MV 92

## We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

### Scripture Reading

I Samuel 16: 1 - 13

### Anthem

### Reflection

"The Runt of the Litter"

Rev. Hugh MacGregor

### \*Hymn:

*I Have Called You By Your Name*

MV 161

## We Share In Prayer

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Joanne Olson

### Prayer Hymn

*O God Hear Our Prayer*

VU 948

### Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

## We Offer our Gifts and our Lives

### Offering Our Gifts / Offering Prayer

### \*Parting Hymn

*I Feel the Winds of God*

VU 625

### \*Benediction

### \*Musical Benediction

*Prayer of Dedication*

### \*Postlude

*\*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*

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

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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.

If you fill out a Contact Card from the pew rack we will send you a weekly email with news & upcoming events.

**Rev. Hugh MacGregor**

A bio ... by the ones and twos

Two grandchildren, two daughters, one spouse. Two schools, McGill and St. Andrew's ... one of them two times. Two previous churches in northern Alberta ... Grace in Edmonton and Sherwood Park United (and one retired appointment, St. Andrew's, Spruce Grove). One in the south, Fifth Avenue Memorial in Medicine Hat. One in Montreal and one in Saskatchewan. Once retired ... June, 2017.  
Twice retired ... February, 2019.