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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 Beatrice Lim

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Gather Us In* MV 7

Call to Worship *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

One: We come together from different streams joining as one in the river of Life.

All: We come with our hopes and dreams, our joy and struggle.

One: We come in a troubled world to find that which is eternal.

All: We come to together to remember that new life is possible for all, and to say yes to the Way that leads to it.

Opening Prayer

Creator and Lover of our souls, thank you for this new day. May we see its beauty, its gifts, its possibility.

Compel us with your searing invitation into new life.

Convict us where we turn away from your goodness.

Call us into new life with such clarity that we must say yes, again... And again... And again.

For the sake of all that is good we pray, amen.

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful* VU 232

Reading "Dare Your Yes" *The Book of the World* (Cole-Dai)

Children's Song *Jesus Loves Me* VU 365

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading Reader: Charles Hitschfeld

Amos 7: 7-17
Matthew 14: 13-21
Psalm 29 VU 756

Reflection "No Way and Yah-Weh" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *For the Beauty* vss. 1, 2, 3 VU 226
(Tune VU 81)

We Share In Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *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 *God is My Shepherd (Pryor / Nolan)* Choir

*Parting Hymn *Let All Things Now Living* VU 242

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Prayer of Dedication*

*Postlude Beatrice Lim

**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*

Thank you to our guest Pianist, Beatrice Lim



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 news & 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
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Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair
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