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January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday
10:30 a.m.

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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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Opening Prayer

**All: Come to us, Holy God as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.**

**Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with
your grace.**

**Draw us 'round your living Word and bind us to one
another as disciples of Christ, whose spirit is in our
midst. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Readings Hebrew: Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection Rise and Shine

*Hymn of the Day: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* **VU 575**

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

*Offering Prayer

Caring God, may we offer not only our material gifts, but our whole selves to you, and to all those who need our support in the quest for justice. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

*Parting Hymn *The First Nowell* **VU 91**

*Benediction

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

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

If you are new with us, we're glad you're here and we would love to meet you. Please also feel free to fill out a contact card if you would like to receive our weekly email updates.