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March 13, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *As the Sun with Longer Journey* vss. 1 & 3 VU 111

Call to Worship Jacqueline Hunt, Lay Reader

- One: We have come from scattered lives into this time of worship.
- All: **Young and old, near and far, in the midst of everything disturbing, we gather as the Body of Christ.**
- One: In this tail end of winter, we lean into the brightness of God's love.
- All: **We lean into our faith that love that casts out fear and peace calls us forth.**
- One: For such love and to honour our call, we worship together.

*Opening Hymn *O God How We Have Wandered* VU 112

Children's Time Krystal Manuel, Children's Coordinator

Hymn *The Lord's Prayer (sung)* VU 959

Scripture Reading Luke 4: 1-13 I Corinthians 6:19-20

Reflection Faith in the Balance 2: Body and Beyond

Anthem *Come By Here* (by Kyle Pederson) RUC Choir

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Spirit of the Living God (first two lines)* VU 376
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)

Silent Personal Prayer

Unison Prayer for Peace

George Appleton

VU 693

**O God of many names,
Lover of all nations,
We pray for peace:
In our hearts.
In our homes.
In our nations.
In our world.**

For the peace you will, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn *Spirit of the Living God (verse 1)* VU 376

Stewardship Moment / Invitation to Offering

*Parting Hymn *O God of Every Nation* VU 677

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Prayer of Dedication*

Postlude

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*
VU refers to the red hard-bound hymnal called Voices United
MV refers to the paperbound hymnal called More Voices

Riverbend United Church Mission Statement

We, the people of Riverbend United Church recognize the dignity, value, and the beauty of each and every individual as a beloved child of God.

We seek to grow spiritually, deepening our connections to God and each other through worship, discussion, reflection, and service.

We embrace the gifts brought by all people of every age, culture, economic background, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation that enrich the life of this faith community.

As followers of Christ, we celebrate the diversity brought by each person who joins us on our journey and shares in our congregational life and work, welcoming their full participation in church membership, leadership, and celebration of life events.

Today's Worship leaders

Lay Reader	Jacqueline Hunt
RUC Choir	Directed by Paula Roberts
Pianist	Sherry Steele
Children's Time	Krystal Manuel
AV team	Ray Hawrelak, Tea Romanzin, Nathan Mills
Ministers	all members of Riverbend United Church
Clergy	Rev. Valerie Oden

Announcements

Movie Discussion series is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. (See Friday's email for the link.) This week's movie for **March 16** discussion is *The Upside* (or the original French version called *The Intouchables*). Please watch it on your own. The movie for the **March 23** discussion is *Freedom Writers*. Both films are available on Netflix or the Edmonton Public Library.

Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom discussion will be held today, March 13th after worship. There will be a second discussion on Sunday, April 3rd.

Transitions group This group for anyone who wants to connect in these challenging days meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. In-person meetings will resume on March 15th.

Grocery gift cards With the resumption of in person services gift cards will no longer be available through residential pickup. Sobeys/Safeway Gift Card sales will now be available after the services on March 6th, March 20th and April 10th. We have \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500 denominations available. For anyone not attending in-person services please contact Doug at 587.982.3703 to arrange a handoff outside the church on those dates. In addition two volunteers are needed to assist with Gift Card Sales. Please see Doug Michalko after the service.

Crafting group: The Crafting group will resume meeting in person in the Chapel beginning Tuesday, March 15th at 2:30 p.m. Please join us if you are interested in crochet, knitting, or stitching projects, either for the Church or for yourself. **A new project:** the creation of blankets and hats for premature babies in neo-natal intensive care units in 11 Alberta hospitals. All are welcome.