



# Riverbend United Church

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April 17, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday

## We Gather Together

### Prelude

Sherry Steele

### \*Call to Worship

Charles Hitschfeld, Lay Reader

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Darkness has been vanquished.

**All: The brilliant light of the eternal promise has come.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

### \*Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* VU 155  
Marvin Severson, Trumpet

### Opening Prayer

(in unison)

**Love Eternal, today you call us into new life.**

**You come to us from beyond the grave and show us that love conquers death.**

**You walk amongst us and reveal to us how love moves in human form.**

**You dine with us and remind us that all are welcome at your table.**

**May we accept your love that knows no bounds, and live into your promise:**

**Nothing, not even death can separate us from your love.**

**In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

### Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

### Land Acknowledgement (in unison)

**We acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We respect the history, languages and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.**

### Solar Panel Project

George Irwin, Chair  
Luke Nelson & Madison Prairie, Youth Coordinators

### Children's Time

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* vs. 1 VU 291  
(Children are invited forward for a special time.)

### \*Hymn

*Halle, Halle, Halle* VU 958

### Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

### Anthem

*Glory to God, Hosanna in the Highest*  
words by J. Paul Williams; music by Michael Barrett

### Reflection

"Weeping for Love"

### \*Hymn of Response

*Joy Comes with the Dawn* VU 166

### Joys & Concerns / A Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

(sung) VU 959

### Stewardship Moment

Charles Hitschfeld

### \*Parting Hymn

*The Day of Resurrection* VU 164

### \*Benediction

### \*Musical Benediction

*Halle, Halle, Halle* VU 958

### Postlude

Sherry Steele

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

*VU indicates the red hard-bound hymnal, Voices United*

## 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.*

### Assisting with today's worship

Lay Reader	Charles Hitschfeld
Choir Director	Paula Roberts
Accompanist	Sherry Steele
Children's Coordinator	Krystal Manuel
Youth Co-Coordinators	Luke Nelson and Madison Prairie
Slide Creation	Carolyn Miller
AV Team	Ray Hawrelak, Nathan Mills, Tea Romanzin
Office Manager	Jacqueline Hunt
Office Assistant	Catherine Evoy
Sanctuary Decor Coordinator	Peggy Robinson
Minister Emeritus	Rev. Tom Sawyer
Ministers	All members of Riverbend United Church
Clergy	Rev. Valerie Oden
Chair of the Board	Marv Severson