Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

September 11, 2022

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 — Sherry Steele

Acknowledgement of our part in Treaty Six

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Tom Sawyer

Call to Worship

When Galileo discovered that the earth circled the sun and not the other way around,
Faithful people denied and condemned him.
Eventually we realized that Galileo was right and we had to re-examine the many creation stories in the Bible for the faithful truth they revealed.
Today powerful telescopes are probing the edges of the universe giving us clues to how creation took place.
Our faith still is strong, helping us to realize how complex creation is and the vastness of the creator behind it all.
We marvel that the very source of all that is came to us in human form to show us how to live with each other and with creation itself.
Let us now worship our creator God.

*Opening Hymn — *When Long Before Time* — VU 248

Children's Time — Tuning in

Children's Song — *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* — MV 30

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading

Hebrew lesson — Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalter — Psalm 14 — VU 735

Anthem

Reflection — Rev. Tom Sawyer

*Hymn — *Called by Earth and Sky* — MV 135

We Respond with our Prayers, Our Gifts, our Lives

Community Sharing — Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Hymn — *O God Hear Our Prayer* — VU 948

Prayer

Offertory

We Carry our Ministry into the Community and the World

*Hymn — *Like a Healing Stream* — MV 144

Commissioning and Benediction

Prayer of Dedication — Back inside cover of Voices United

Postlude — Sherry Steele

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