



January 22, 2023

## We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

### Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Behold, Behold* MV 115

Call to Worship Dave Rumbold, Lay Reader

*Written by The Very Reverend Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada 2018-2022, in honour of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.*

One: From many moments to this moment,  
**All: we come as children of God, called by God's grace.**

One: From many places to this place,  
**All: we come as disciples of Christ, called by Christ's peace.**

One: From many communities to this community,  
**All: we come as people of the spirit, called by the Spirit's life.**

One: From these moments, places, and communities,  
we come—  
**All: to worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn *River* MV 3

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

\*Children's Hymn *Like a Rock* MV 92

## We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Matthew 4: 12-23

Anthem *River in Judea (Feldman, arr: Leavitt)* RUC Choir  
Paula Roberts, Director

Reflection "Dropping Our Nets" Rev. Valerie Oden

\*Hymn of Response *Jesus Saw Them Fishing* MV 113

### Prayers of the People

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

### Silent Prayer

### Unison Prayer

**Eternal God, our beginning and our end:**

**Bring us with the whole creation to your glory,  
hidden through past ages and made known to us  
in Jesus Christ.**

**Grant us tolerance for those who think and live in ways we  
don't understand.**

**Grant us grace where we fail to forgive ourselves or others.**

**Inspire us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly  
with you in all things. For to such a journey of love we are  
called. Amen.**

# We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

## Stewardship Moment

Dave Rumbold

## Offering our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to: [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto:contactus@riverbendunited.org) or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.*

## \*Closing Hymn

*Will You come and Follow Me*

VU 567

## \*Benediction

One: We go as those called by Christ.

**All: We go to be the hands and feet of love in the world.**

One: May we follow his way in all that we do.

**All: And may the peace of Christ go with us all.**

## \*Musical Response

*Prayer of Dedication*

## Postlude

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

**"VU"** refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

**"MV"** refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

***All are welcome for coffee and Fellowship in the Gathering Room following worship. Turn left as you exit the sanctuary.***

***Welcome to Riverbend United Church  
If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you.***



Hearing assistance is available.  
Please ask at the sound booth.

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