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March 19, 2023

**Fourth Sunday in Lent:  
Encountering Jesus: Waypoints on the Journey**

**We Gather Together**

Prelude Sherry Steele  
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden  
Introit *Joshua Fit the Battle (Thompson)* RUC Handbells

Call to Worship Waypoints on the Journey

Opening Prayer

**Holy One, as we encounter Jesus through this Lenten season, may we be comforted and challenged. May we make room in our hearts for you. May we hear your call to grow in your love.**

**As we worship together now, may we sense your spirit stirring us. You are our bread of life, and we are grateful. Holy are you, Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* VU 315

Children's Time

\*Children's Hymn *Lord Prepare Me* MV 18

*Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn. There is also a family room behind the piano where the service can be seen and heard.*

**We Baptise a Child of God**

*Please see Insert*

Hymn of Response *Child of Blessing vss. 1 & 4* VU 444

**We Listen for the Spirit Stirring**

Special Music *My Lord, What a Morning (Eithun)* RUC Handbells  
Scripture Reading John 6: 25-35 Jacqueline Hunt  
Anthem *A Lenten Prayer* - Music by Antonio Salieri, words by St. Gregory the Great, arr. Hal Hopson RUC Choir  
Reflection "Foundational Bread" Carolyn Miller  
Hymn of Response *Bread of Life* MV 194

**We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives**

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn *Take O Take Me as I Am* MV 85

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer

**Source of all, bread of life, thank you for this new day. Thank you for sustaining us with the nourishment of your grace.**

**May those who are in difficult days know the comfort of your presence and the healing of your love.**

**May our hearts be open to your Spirit, that we may become transforming vessels of your peace and justice.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## Stewardship Moment

### 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      *Let All Things Now Living*      VU 242

### \*Benediction

\*Musical Response      *I am Walking a Path of Peace*      MV 221

Postlude      Sherry Steele

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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. Please fill out a Welcome Card found in the narthex if you'd like to be included in our weekly emails with upcoming events and announcements or receive a call from our minister.*

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***Good Friday:***

***The Seven Last Words of Christ***

***April 7 at 10:30 am***

*Join us for this solemn Tenebrae service of music and scripture honouring the crucifixion of Christ.*

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**RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH**  
**Edmonton, AB**



## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

March 19, 2023

Presentation of the Child:

**Vincent Kain Peard**

Son of Michael Gregory Peard and Victoria Michelle Webb

Questions and Promises of the Parents:

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

**Yes, we do.**

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to  
resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

**Yes, we do.**

Will you seek to follow the way of Jesus,  
sharing the stories and the traditions of our faith with your  
child, growing together in faith, hope and love?

**Yes, we will.**

Promise of the Congregation:

Will you, the people of God in this place, offer your loving,

prayerful care of this family, doing all you can to nurture  
them in the Christian life and to support them on the journey  
of faith?

**With God's help, we will share in caring for this family  
and for all God's children, encouraging them that they  
may grow in love and be confirmed and strengthened in  
the way that leads to life eternal.**

Pouring of the Water:

In the beginning, God's Spirit swept over the waters  
bringing forth life; and God said, "It is good."

The waters of the Red Sea parted for the sake of freedom,  
flowed from a rock in the wilderness to give life,  
enfolded Jesus in the River Jordan at his baptism.

Water is vital to our faith, to the earth, to our lives.  
Today we use water to bless this child  
and welcome him into the body of Christ.

Prayer of the People:

**Loving God, bless this precious child being baptized  
today. May your Holy Spirit move through this water,  
through the touch of human hands that care for him.  
May he know your love as he grows through his life, by  
your grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

The Baptism

Welcoming the Child

Vincent Kain

Hymn of Blessing: *Child of Blessing* vs. 1 & 4 VU 444

*Minister: Rev. Valerie Oden*

*Congregational Sponsors: Marv Severson and Christine Ens*