



March 5, 2023

Communion Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent:
Encountering Jesus: Waypoints on the Journey

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *And On this Path* MV 8

Call to Worship Christine Ens, Lay Reader

One: We gather to honour our Lenten journey as a community of faith.

All: **We gather to sing and to pray, to join at the Table with Christ.**

One: May we listen for the Spirit stirring in this place,

All: **And may we respond with our lives.**

*Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VU 264

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

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

Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn. They will return to worship for Communion. There is also a family room through the door behind the piano where the service can be seen and heard.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading John 3: 1-12

Anthem *Peace For The Journey* - traditional spirituals, arr, Joseph M. Martin

Reflection "Born from Above?"

*Hymn of Response *Spirit Open My Heart* MV 79

Prayers of the People

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

Silent, Personal Prayer

We Share in Communion

Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Bread and the Cup Music by Sherry Steele

Please come forward as you are able and receive the bread, dip it in the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free bread is available at the centre serving station. We use grape juice. If you wish to be served in your seats, please lift a hand and the elements will be brought to you.

Prayer after Receiving (In Unison)

We are blessed by this holy meal. May we go from this place blessing others by living as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Amen.

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Stewardship Moment Christine Ens

Offering our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to: 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 *I Feel the Winds of God* VU 625

*Benediction

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

Postlude

**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.



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