



June 25, 2023  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

## We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *I Have Called You by Your Name (vs. 1)* MV 161

Call to Worship Charles Hitschfeld

One: In this sacred gathering, we stand as Your chosen people,

**All: A royal priesthood, called to reflect Your light.**

One: Empower us, O Lord, to carry Your love and truth.

**All: As we serve, minister, and bring healing to a broken world,**

One: May our lives declare Your glory.

**All: As Your royal priesthood, we offer ourselves wholly.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Creator in heaven, as Your chosen people, we embrace our calling as a royal priesthood. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may serve and glorify You in all we do. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* VU 339

Children's time

\*Children's song *Jump for Joy*

*There is a family room behind the piano where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will help care for your toddlers and wee ones.*

## We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Exodus 19:2-8

Anthem *I Feel The Spirit* RUC Choir  
traditional, arr. D. Besig

Reflection "Privilege and Responsibility" Charles Hitschfeld

\*Hymn of Response *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* VU 575

Sharing our Prayers

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

## We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

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 *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

\*Benediction

\*Musical Benediction *Prayer of Dedication*  
(back cover of *Voices United*)

Postlude Sherry Steele

\*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*

**Welcome to Riverbend United Church.** If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the pews if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like a reusable Name Tag.

**Please note:**

- **Beginning July 2nd, we will worship at St. Paul's United Church** on Sundays (11526 - 76 Avenue), with RUC leading worship. In August, St. Paul's will lead worship at Riverbend United Church. Maps are available in the Narthex.