Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

**June 4, 2023**

**Trinity Sunday and Communion Sunday**

## We Gather Together

Prelude — Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit — *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs 1)* MV 30

Call to Worship — Nathan Schoenhardt

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth.

**All: God brought forth all vegetation, all living creatures and human beings.**

One: And God saw that creation was good, in all its diversity.

**All: As we worship today, may we celebrate the vast array of gifts throughout creation and say with God, "It's good!"**

*Opening Hymn — *Holy Holy Holy* VU 315

*As we sing this hymn, children are invited downstairs if they wish. They will return to worship for Communion. There is also 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 Readings — Annika Schoenhardt

Psalm 8 VU 732

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 (Selected verses)

Anthem — *The Smallest Things* (Wright and Clemens)

Reflection — "And God Said, 'It's Good!'" Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response — *When Long Before Time* vss 1-5 VU 248

## We Share in Communion

Please see Insert

## 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 or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.*

*Closing Hymn — *All Who Hunger* VU 460

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction — *When Long Before Time* vs 6 VU 248

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 note:

- **New Members will be received next Sunday, June 11**. Let Valerie know if you are interested in joining Riverbend United Church.

- **June 11 is the Church Picnic**. Come and enjoy! Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan appropriately.

- **In July, we will worship at St. Paul's United Church** each Sunday - 11526 76 Avenue, with RUC leading worship. In August, St. Paul's will worship here at RUC with us, and they will lead worship.

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# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Riverbend United Church

## June 4, 2023

Invitation to the Table

Silent, Personal Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
**All: And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
**All: We lift them to God.**
Leader: Let us give thanks for the gift of life.
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy are you, God of life,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.
You guide the sun, cradle the moon,
and toss the stars.
At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.

**All: You breathe life into us and sustain us along the way.**
**Even when we turn away from you,**
**You do not forsake us.**

Leader: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us, our Wisdom, our Way.

**All: He shares our joy and sorrow,**
**includes the marginalized,**
**feeds the hungry and sets the captives free.**

Leader: And so we join the song of all creation
proclaiming your goodness:

Hymn MV 203

Blessing the Elements

A Prayer of Self-Giving

Leader: Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his presence here and now,
offering healing to this hurting world.

**All: May we offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

Hymn MV 204

Prayer for Transformation

Leader: O God, send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts, that we who receive them
may be the body of Christ in the world.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,**
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory**
**is yours Creator of all, now and forever.**

Hymn MV 205

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, Amen.

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.*