



## Sunday, September 29, 2023

Join us for in-person worship on **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. at Riverbend United Church (14907—45 Avenue NW) or [click here](#) to join the live-streamed service on Riverbend United's YouTube channel. Previous services can also be found on our YouTube channel.

### This week at Riverbend United

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Dear Friends,

Our October worship theme is "Better Together." As we *still* seek to rise from the struggles of Covid, we newly recognize the gifts of being connected. Where isolation dries up the heart, connection and community nourish us. I pray this church is a place of connection and community for you. We are truly better together.

This sabbath day is also **Worldwide Communion Sunday**. If you're worshipping with us online, you may want to have a piece of bread and a cup of juice with you so you can join at Christ's table with our neighbours in faith who abide around the globe.

There are places in the world where Christians cannot receive the sacraments of Communion and Baptism in public, as we have recently been reminded by some newcomers to our church who come from such a place. We are among the blessed, and this Sunday we remember all followers of Jesus, wherever and however they express their communal faith.

If you have a quilt to loan the church anytime in October, please bring it with you and place it wherever you like. We will store it in the office or you can take it home with you as you wish. Quilts are lovely symbols of our being woven together in love.

We begin our study of *Together* by Vivek Murthy this week, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the church and Wednesday evening on Zoom. You are welcome to join either group for discussion and fellowship even if you aren't reading the book.

Our thanks to the Learning Together group for leading last week's service. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is tomorrow and we're invited to spend some time in prayer, learning or action as we remember the wrongs committed and seek to live in harmony and in justice with the Indigenous peoples of these lands.

Please see the Announcements below as there is a lot happening in the life of the church.

Have a blessed weekend,

*Valerie*

### IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please keep our Children's Ministry Coordinator **Krystal Manuel** and her daughter Adelaide in your hearts as Krystal undergoes surgery on Tuesday.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please [click here](#) for this week's Order of Service
- Click [here](#) for this week's Announcements
- Click [here](#) for the fall edition of The Front Pew, our quarterly newsletter.