



January 28, 2024  
Jesus: Teacher, Preacher, Healer  
Whole Community Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Carolyn Miller

Minute for Mission

Introit     *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*

MV 14

Call to Worship

One: Jesus promised to be with those gathered in his name.  
**All: We gather in the knowledge that the holy child is with us as we worship.**  
One: Jesus came to teach, to preach, and to heal.  
**All: We gather to hear the words of our teacher and our guide, once again.  
Come, let us offer praise to the light that shines in the darkness.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, we gather this morning, each of us woven together in this family of faith, rejoicing that we can be together once again. We gather in gratitude for the gift of Jesus, who guides us in ways we don't even realize. We know Christ walks with us as we strive to be his hands and feet in today's world. May we show love and compassion to all: bringing solace to those who grieve, companionship to the lost and lonely, and offering a welcoming invitation into this sacred space to everyone we meet. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

\*Hymn     *Come Touch Our Hearts*

MV 12

The Parables of Jesus

The Parable of the Two Housebuilders     *told in a Godly Play Style*

\*Song     *The Wise Man Built His House upon a Rock (projected)*

The Healing of Jesus

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man     GoChatter Movie

Hymn     *First-Born of Mary*     MV 110

The Wisdom of Jesus

The Widow's Offering     Free Bible Images

Ensemble Anthem     *Bread of Life*     MV 194

Jesus is for Everyone

The Story of Zacchaeus     A Poem

\*Hymn     *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*     MV 138

Reflection     Jesus: Teacher, Preacher, Healer     Carolyn Miller

\*Hymn     *Will You Come and Follow Me?*     VU 567

Prayer of the People

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.*

\*Hymn     *Take Up His Song*     MV 213

Benediction

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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*

**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 or receive a call from our minister.

## **Our Mission**

We, the people of Riverbend United Church, recognize the dignity, value, and beauty of each and every individual as a beloved child of God.

We seek to grow spiritually, deepening our connections to God and to each other through worship, discussion, reflection, and service.

We embrace the gifts brought by all people of every age, culture, economic background, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation that enrich the life of this faith community.

As followers of Christ, we celebrate the diversity brought by each person who joins us on our journey and shares in our congregational life and work, welcoming their full participation in church membership, leadership, and celebration of life events.

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