



June 16, 2024

National Indigenous Peoples Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Land Acknowledgement David Faber

Introit *And On This Path* MV 8

Call to Worship

One: We recognize the significance of the Sacred Drum, the heartbeat of Mother Earth, which connects us to the voices of our ancestors and unites us on this journey towards healing, reconciliation, and unity.

**All: In this sacred space, we are called to open our hearts and minds, to listen with compassion, and to learn.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**We have come seeking solace, inspiration, or community, to be present in this moment, to connect with the Great Spirit and with one another, and to embrace the spirit of unity and love. No matter where we are on our spiritual journey, we know that we are all welcome here.**

\*Hymn *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* (vss. 1, 2, 4) VU 395

Children's Time

Krystal Manuel

*Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn. There is a family room for wee ones behind the piano from which the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.*

\*Children's Song *Jesus Loves the Little Children* (See screen)

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Mark 4: 26-34 (First Nations Version)

Anthem *Yonder Come Day* (arr: Podd) RUC Choir

Reflection "How can I support reconciliation?" David Faber

\*Hymn of Response *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* VU 684

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Spirit Open My Heart* verse 3 MV 79

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment The Mortgage Campaign (final week) Jill Spaner

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 *Called By Earth and Sky* MV 135

\*Benediction

One: May we travel our lands in gentle ways, caring for creation as in turn she cares for us. May your light and love encircle and envelop us all, as we rest in the promise of your abundance. Go in peace, with wisdom and gratitude. All my relations.

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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*

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**Welcome to Riverbend United Church.** If you're new with us, we would 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.** We'd love to know who you are!

**Thank you** to David Faber, Licensed Lay Worship Leader in the United Church, for sharing with us today. You can support the kihcihkaw askî-Sacred Land project by visiting this website:

<https://give.crowdfunding.alberta.ca/kihciyaskiy>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sat., June 22 Dinner & Drumming with RB Rocks, 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., June 23 Choir's Choice Hymn Sing  
New Members Received  
Leadership Affirmation  
Farewell to Luke Nelson, Youth Coordinator

**NOTE: Through July, we worship with the people of St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Avenue NW. Their ministry team will lead us in their church.**

Maps are available in the Narthex. We begin there on July 7<sup>th</sup>. RUC will be closed on Sunday mornings.

In August, St. Paul's will join us at Riverbend UC, with our ministry team leading us.