



June 9, 2024

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *And On This Path* MV 8

Call to Worship (*Celebrate God's Presence*) Graham Gaine, Lay Leader

One: We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary:

All: Seeking fellowship in the Spirit,

One: Seeking the grace of God,

All: Seeking the peace of Christ.

*Hymn *Come Let Us Sing* VU 222

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

Graduate Recognition Kristen Rumbold and Tea Romanzin

We Baptize a Child of God

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism DOUG WHITNACK Please see Insert

*Hymn of Blessing *May God Who Creates You* VU 454

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture and Reflection Psalm 139 VU 861

(We'll read one part at a time, woven with commentary)

Anthem *Holy and Mighty (P. Choplin)* RUC Choir
Paula Roberts, Director

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 Dawn Power

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 *May the God of Hope* VU 424

*Benediction

*Musical Response *May the God of Hope* (Refrain only) VU 424

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 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!

Upcoming Events:

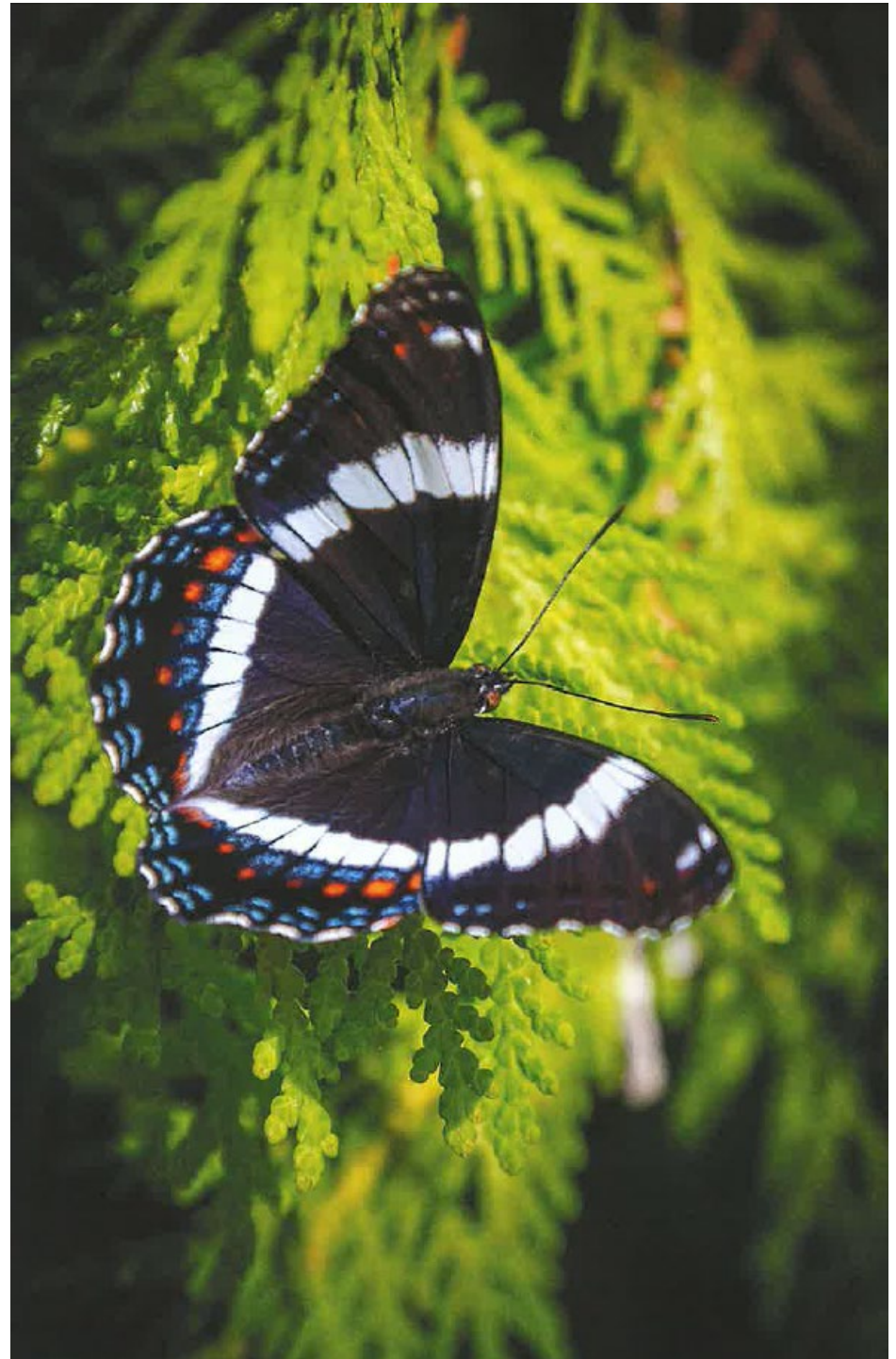
- Sun., June 16 National Indigenous Peoples Sunday with David Faber
- Sat., June 22 Dinner & Drumming with RB Rocks, 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., June 23 Choir's Choice Hymn Sing
Farewell to Luke Nelson, Youth Coordinator
New Members Received
Leadership Affirmation

NOTE:

Through July, we worship with the people of St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Ave NW.

We begin there on July 7th.

In August, they will join us at Riverbend UC.





RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

Edmonton, AB

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

June 9, 2024



Introduction

Presentation:

Douglas Wayne Whitnack

Questions and Promises

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to
resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you seek to follow the way of Jesus,
continuing to learn the stories and the traditions of our faith,
growing in faith, hope and love?

I will, by the grace of God.

Question of the Congregation:

Insofar as you are able, will you, the people of God in this
place, offer your loving, prayerful care for this couple, doing
all you can to nurture them in the Christian life and support
them on the journey of faith?

Congregational Response:

**With God's help, we will share in supporting Doug and
Nicola, encouraging them that they may grow in love
and be confirmed and strengthened in the way that
leads to life eternal.**

Pouring of the Water:

In the beginning, God's Spirit swept over the waters
bringing forth life; and God said, "It is good."

The waters of the Red Sea parted for the sake of freedom,
flowed from a rock in the wilderness to give life,
enfolded Jesus in the River Jordan at his baptism.

Water is vital to our faith, to the earth, to our lives.
In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, water is used to
symbolize divine grace and joyous welcome
into the body of Christ.

Prayer of the People:

**Loving God, we are grateful for Doug's journey that has
brought him to this moment. May your Spirit stir as he
is baptized. May he know your love as he continues on
the road of faith. Amen.**

The Baptism and Anointing

Congregational Welcome

**By one Spirit, we are baptized into one body.
We are children of the one God,
Mother and Father of us all.
We welcome you into the community of faith.**

Reception into Membership of RUC

*Hymn of Blessing: *May God Who Creates You* VU 454

*Minister: Rev. Valerie Oden; Care Coordinator: Holly Ruryk
Congregational Sponsor: Matthew Schoenhardt*