



July 2, 2023
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements David Faber
 Licensed Lay Worship Leader

Introit *Gather Us In* (sung twice, once in English and once in French)
MV 7

Call to Worship

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come to us, Holy God as we gather before you; encircle us with your love. Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with your grace. Draw us 'round your living Word and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ, whose spirit is in our midst. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *There is Room for All* **MV 62**

Time for All Ages

*Children's song *This is the Day* **MV 122**

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Readings Psalm 13
 Matthew 10:40-42

Reflection "Encouragement" David Faber

*Hymn of Response *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours* **MV 171**

Sharing our Prayers

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

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 either church. See details at the back of the bulletin. 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

Postlude Sherry Steele

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

"MV" refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

Riverbend United Church & St. Paul's United Church

offer collaborative worship this summer at

10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings:

July at St. Paul's: 11526 – 76 Avenue NW

August at Riverbend: 14907 – 45 Avenue NW

Your Gifts

We are happy to receive your gifts of time, talent or treasures. If you wish to make a financial donation you can do so by dropping an envelope in the offering plate in the narthex or sending an E-transfer to either:

- St. Paul's United Church at stpaulsaccountant@telus.net or
 - Riverbend United Church at contactus@riverbendunited.org
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Next Sunday, July 9th Rev. Valerie Oden of Riverbend United Church and Dr. Chris Peet of St. Paul's United Church and Kings University will share in a dialogue about the church in these unique days of cultural anxiety and how the next chapter of Christianity might look. Join us for it at St. Paul's UC during 10:30 a.m. worship.