



July 9, 2023

## We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u>		Tyson Kerr
<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>		Rev. Valerie Oden
<u>Introit</u>	<i>Gather Us In</i>	MV 7
<u>Call to Worship</u>		
One:	Jesus says, "Come to me and I will give you rest."	
<b>All:</b>	<b>We yearn for rest from anxiety, from injustice, from fear.</b>	
One:	May we open our hearts to the profound love that offers life,	
<b>All:</b>	<b>and may we open our hands to let such love land on this earth.</b>	
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	<i>(unison)</i>	
	<b>Source of life, we gather today in this sacred house remembering that all life is sacred. We bring our worries and we yearn to release them to you. As we worship today, may your Spirit move us and renew us and may creation breathe freely. Amen.</b>	
<u>Lighting the Christ Candle</u>		
* <u>Opening Hymn</u>	<i>It's a Song of Praise to the Maker</i>	MV 30

## We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Psalm 145 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	VU 866
<u>Reflection</u>		Rev. Valerie Oden and Dr. Chris Peet
* <u>Hymn of Response</u>	<i>Deep In Our Hearts</i>	MV 154
<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<i>(Sharing our Joys and Concerns)</i>	
<u>Prayer Hymn</u>	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	VU 400
<u>Silent, Personal Prayer</u>		
<u>Meditation</u>	"Bone and Stone"	Dr. Chris Peet

## We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

<u>Offering our Gifts / Offertory</u>		Tyson Kerr
	<i>Offering plates and envelopes can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome to either church. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in the hope that peace may spread to all.</i>	
* <u>Closing Hymn</u>	<i>We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection</i>	VU 586
* <u>Benediction</u>		
* <u>Musical Response</u>	<i>Walk with Me (Chorus only)</i>	VU 649
<u>Postlude</u>		Tyson Kerr

\*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 this worship partnership with St. Paul's UC and Riverbend UC. Throughout July, we will worship together at St. Paul's UC. Throughout August, we will worship together at Riverbend UC.** If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew or to the worship leaders.

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

**Dr. Chris Peet** is a Past-Chair of the Board at St. Paul's United Church and a Professor of Psychology at the Kings University.

**Tyson Kerr** is the Musician for St. Paul's UC.

**Rev. Valerie Oden** is minister at Riverbend United Church