



May 29, 2022
Youth Sunday and Grad Recognition

We Gather Together

Gathering Music The Ensemble

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* MV 145

Call to Worship Ivy

One: Here we are to re-set once again.

All: Here we are, coming home again to the One who always welcomes us, no matter what.

One: Here we are as friends and not yet friends, as the lost and the found, as forgiven and forgiving.

All: Here we are to worship and enter the promise of new life.

Unison Prayer Annika Schoenhardt

**Bring us home, God of life:
home into your way of love;
home into your unending grace;
home into your justice on earth;
home into you.**

Bring us home, God of life, as we hear an ancient story told in a new way through the voices of our young people. And then send us out serving such grace as has no bounds, with all we meet in our daily lives. Amen.

*Hymn *Like a Rock* MV 92

Recognizing our Grads

**NATHAN MILLS
ISAAC SCHOENHARDT**

We Listen for God

Scripture Reading Luke 15: 11-32 Isaac Schoenhardt

Youth Cantata "The Prodigal Son"
Words and music written by Ben Severson

Reflection Marv Severson

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering our Gifts

*Parting Hymn *Go Make a Difference* MV 209

*Benediction

Postlude The Ensemble

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*MV refers to the paper-bound hymnal called More Voices*

**Welcome to worship today!**  
*If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you.*

*Special thanks to our Youth Co-Coordinators Luke Nelson and Madison Prairie for preparing this service with the youth under the mentorship of Marv and Ben Severson.*

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**Riverbend United Church Mission Statement**

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

*We seek to grow spiritually,  
deepening our connections to God and 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.*