Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

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We Gather Together

Welcome & Announcements — Christine Ens

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Introit — *Gather Us In* — **MV 7**

Call to Worship

As we prepare to plant our heels into the ground, we want God's love to take root. May we be equipped to do the work that we are called to do and have the ability to withstand the storms of life. Let us lean into our calling with joy and enthusiasm.

Opening Prayer

One: Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you; encircle us with your love.
All: Gather us in, ground us in you.
One: Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with your grace.
All: Gather us in, root us in you.
One: Call us by name; call us to grow in faith; call us to be made new.
All: Gather us in, ground us in you. Amen

*Opening Hymn: *I'm Gonna Live so God Can use Me* — **VU 575**

We Listen for God

Children's Story		Christine Ens
Hymn	*In the Bulb There is a Flower*	**VU 703**
Scripture Readings	Ephesians 3: 16-17 Mark 4: 2 - 6	George Irwin
Anthem	*Turn, Turn, Turn*	Pete Seeger (from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)
Reflection #1	My UCC Roots	George Irwin
Music	The Garden Song (Inch by Inch)	D. Mallett
Reflection #2	Roots and Wings	Sheryl Bowhay
Music	The Garden Song (Inch by Inch)	D. Mallett
Reflection #3	Lutheran Roots	Marv Severson
*Hymn	*Like a Healing Stream*	**MV 144**

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts

There are offering plates in the narthex for your gifts. Thank you to all who give by PAR or who send cheques to the church.

Offering Prayer

Lord, help us to feel thankful for everything that you've given us. We worship and praise you with our gifts. Our prayer this morning is that through us, the world will see Christ's light and come to know your goodness. Please take our gifts, and those given through PAR, and use them to strengthen the United Church's ministry, here at home and everywhere in the world. Amen.

Parting Hymn — *Go Make a Diff'rence* — **MV 209**

Commissioning

*Postlude

Welcome to worship today!