



January 15, 2023

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

Call to Worship Patti Hunter, Lay Reader

One: Behold! He stands on the lakeshore calling our name.

All: He asks us what we're looking for.

One: We are looking for meaning.

All: We are looking for justice.

One: We are looking for peace.

**All: May our eyes open, our hearts soften,
and our lives be transformed by his way of love.**

*Opening Hymn Open My Eyes VU 371

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

*Children's Hymn Like a Rock MV 92

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Psalm 40 VU 764
John 1: 35-42

Anthem RUC Choir
Paula Roberts, Director

Reflection "Come and See!" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response Jesus, You Have Come... VU 563

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn O God, Hear Our Prayer VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Stewardship Moment Patti Hunter

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 Jesus Calls Us VU 562

*Benediction

One: We go as those called by Christ.

All: We go to be the hands and feet of love in the world.

One: May we follow his way in all that we do.

All: And may the peace of Christ go with us all.

*Musical Response Prayer of Dedication

Postlude

*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*

All are welcome for coffee and Fellowship in the Gathering Room following worship. Turn left as you exit the sanctuary.

***Welcome to Riverbend United Church
If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you.***



Hearing assistance is available.
Please ask at the sound booth.

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.