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We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

The Somewhat Sacramental Sacrilegious Sock Toss
RUC Outreach Committee & Friends

Introit *Come All You People* MV 2

Call to Worship Daina Sparling, Lay Reader

One: Come all you people, come and worship the God of life.

All: We're here to connect, to sing, to pray, to be in fellowship as the Body of Christ.

One: We come with our hopes and our fears, our joy and our sorrow.

All: We come to once again "choose life."

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* VU 232

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

*Children's Hymn *We Are Marching / Siyahamba* VU 646

Children and youth are invited downstairs for programing after this hymn. There is also a family room through the door behind the piano where the service can be seen and heard.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Anthem *The Storm Is Passing Over* by C. A. Lindley
arr. Barbara W. Baker
Bass guitar - Marv Severson, Drums - Jon Spaner

Reflection "Choosing Life, Again and Again" Rev. V. Oden

Faces of Faith Joan Robinson, RUC Board Chair

*Hymn of Response *Here I Am, Lord* VU 509

We Respond with our Lives

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn *O God, Hear Our Prayer* VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment Daina Sparling

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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Prayer of Dedication* *Inside back cover of VU*

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.
