



April 9, 2023

EASTER DAY

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Call to Worship

Christine Ens, Lay Reader

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Let all the earth proclaim the joy.

All: **Let all heaven show forth in praise.**

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Marvin Severson, Trumpet

VU 155

*Opening Prayer

**Source of life,
You are with us:
in the person of Jesus who welcomed all
and proclaimed truth to power;
in the risen Christ who brings hope eternal
and calls us into new life.**

**You are with us:
in the beauty of the earth,
in the rhythm of the seasons,
in the mystery of time and space.**

You are with us. Alleluia! Amen.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement (in Unison)

**We acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 6 Territory.
We respect the history, languages, and cultures of First
Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose
presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.**

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Children's Hymn

Jesus Loves Me (vs 1)

VU 365

Children are invited to come forward as we sing this hymn.

Children's Time

That Grand Easter Day

Krystal Manuel

By Jill Roman Lord and Alessia Trunfio

After the story, children are invited downstairs for an Easter Egg hunt. Youth are invited to help. There is also a family room behind the piano where the service can be seen and be heard and a volunteer will help care for wee ones.

*Hymn

This is the Day

MV 122

Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

Christine Ens, Lay Reader

Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice, Ye People (Martin) RUC Choir

Reflection

"Resurrection: Inside Out"

Rev. Valerie Oden

We Respond with our Lives

*Hymn of Response

Joy Comes With the Dawn

VU 166

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Hymn

O God Hear Our Prayer

VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment

Christine Ens

Offering our Gifts

Glory to the Risen Lamb (Barrett)

RUC Choir

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*Closing Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* VU 164

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Prayer of Dedication*

Postlude Sherry Steele

**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 Riverbend United Church

If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Please fill out a Welcome Card found in the narthex if you'd like to be included in our weekly emails with upcoming events and announcements or receive a call from our minister.

Upcoming Events

Celtic Night -- Sunday, April 16th
6:00 p.m. Whiskey Tasting; 7:00 p.m. Concert
Tickets available in the Narthex

Young Family Event
Sunday April 23 after worship

Newcomers' Welcome
Sunday May 7 after worship

RUC Garage Sale – May 12 and 13
Donations accepted beginning May 8