



September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Creation Time 2

Deep Spirituality; Bold Discipleship; Daring Justice

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Introit O Ancient Love verse 1 VU 17

Greeting The United Church of Canada Vision

Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.

Call to Worship Jacqueline Hunt, Lay Reader

One: We are called to grow spiritually.

All: We seek to respond.

One: We are called to grow as bold disciples.

All: By God's grace, we do our best.

One: We are called to dare justice.

All: May God grant us courage to create a world where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. (--Amos 5 24)

*Opening Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

Children's Time Krystal Manuel, Children's Director

*Children's song This is the Day MV 122

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Readings Psalm 143 VU 865
 John 13: 34-35

Anthem RUC Choir
 Paula Roberts, Director

Reflection The United Church Vision Rev. Valerie Oden
 (Part 2 of 2)

*Hymn of Response My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Invitation to Prayer O Ancient Love verse 3 VU 17

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Stewardship Moment Jacqueline Hunt

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.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn Go Make a Difference MV 209

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*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the pews if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities.

Name Tags Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like a reusable magnetic Name Tag.

Children and Youth are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Song for age-appropriate activities, learning, and conversation. There is also a babyfold for wee ones behind the piano where a volunteer will assist parents and the service can be seen and heard.

THANK YOU to everyone who offers gifts to the church. If you aren't already donating by **PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance** - we encourage you to consider it. Using this option helps us give regularly and it helps the church budget remain on track.

Next Week's worship will be focused on Truth and Reconciliation, led by the Learning Together group of RUC. It will be an invitation to consider and reflect on colonialism, while learning about the new Remit currently before the United Church of Canada for a vote, proposing a change in structure that would support our Indigenous communities of faith.

The Fall edition of **The Front Pew** – RUC's seasonal newsletter-- is available in the narthex and [online](#).