



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

LIVING PRAYER

We Gather Together

Gathering Music Randy Nelson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Outreach Focus Mission and Service ("M & S")

*Introit *And On This Path* MV 8

As we sing this, feel free to come forward with a gift for M & S to honour the significant events in your family's life this month.

*Call to Worship Holly Ruryk, Lay Leader

One: As a community of faith, we are on this path together, seeking to make the world a better place.

All: We yearn to create a better world for our children and our children's children, for all children across the globe.

One: Today we turn our hearts to the children of our community.

All: May we listen for the tiny whispers that guide us each day, each moment, as we move forward in creating a better world.

*Opening Hymn *Deep in Our Hearts* MV 154

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

Special Music *Put On Love (Walker)* RUC Children's Choir

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Reading Isaiah 55: 1-3; Mark 8: 31-36

Anthem *Standing in the Need of Prayer* RUC Ensemble

Reflection Living Prayer 2: Listening Prayer Rev. Valerie Oden

Dialogue How do you pray? With Holly Ruryk

*Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* VU 400

We Respond with our Prayers, our Gifts, our Lives

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Guided Listening Prayer

Stewardship Moment Holly Ruryk

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 *Will You Come and Follow Me* VU 567

*Benediction

*Musical Response *And on This Path* MV 8

**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*

Children and Youth are invited downstairs after Children's Time for age-appropriate activities and education. There is also a family room behind the piano for wee ones where a volunteer will assist parents, and the service can be seen and heard.

Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth, or switch your hearing aid to T-coil.



Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you are new to 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 or receive a call from our minister.

LENT – The 40 days of preparation before Easter.
Join us on the journey!

This week's **Prayer Invitation** to us is offered Holly Ruryk:

Did you know there is a high level of food insecurity in the Edmonton school system? Food insecurity has been known to cause delayed development in young children and other health related conditions.

As you drive by an elementary school, think of the children who are going to school hungry and keep them in your prayers. Consider offering a prayer of gratitude for the parents, teachers and administrators who care for and guide the children of our community. I am so grateful for the teachers and administrators who address this hunger insecurity and continue to work hard so that no child goes hungry.

If you'd like to donate non-perishable food items, you can bring them to the church this week or next Sunday and we will deliver them to children in need.

- Our Lenten theme is **“Living Prayer.”** We will hear from a variety of Lay Leaders Sundays through Lent on the topic of prayer. Each one will give us a Prayer Invitation, inviting us to focus on a specific topic through the week, however we pray.
- Our Lenten Study book is *How Do YOU Pray* by Celeste Yacoboni
- Good Friday Service March 29 at 10:30 a.m.
- Easter service March 31 at 10:30 a.m. with the RUC Choir presenting an Easter Cantata, *“From Silence to Song”*.

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Our 2024 Lenten Journey:
Living Prayer