



March 24, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Lent: *Living Prayer*

Palm Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Call to Worship (by Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ontario) Erin James

One: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!**
One: Blessed is God's realm of love and peace.
All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Processional Hymn All Glory Laud and Honour VU 122

Youth Retreat Update

*Children's Song Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn if they wish. There is a family room for wee ones behind the piano from which the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Psalm 118: 26-28; Mark 11: 1-11

Anthem Ride On King Jesus by Joseph Martin RUC Choir
Paula Robers, Director

Lenten Dialogue How do YOU Pray? with David James

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Introduction to Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

Prayer Hymn O God Hear Our Prayer VU 948

Prayer Lectio Divina
"You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
You are my God, I will extol you." -- Psalm 118:28

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment Erin James

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 Ride On! Ride on in Majesty! VU 127
(Tune: Winchester New, VU 20)

*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 would 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.

New RUC Directory — Have you filled out a Contact card to be included in the new church directory? The cards can be found in the narthex. Directories will be given to those listed in it. Let's connect!

Thank you to David James for sharing in today's worship service. Please see the insert for David's invitation to us for this week, however we pray.

Please note:

- March 29 at 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service
- March 31 at 10:30 a.m. Easter Service with a Cantata presented by the RUC Easter Choir
From Silence to Song by Joseph Martin
- April 14 at 11:45 a.m. RUC Annual Congregational Meeting
- April 21 at 11:45 a.m. Newcomers' Welcome - New to the church in the last year? Please join us to meet some RUC leaders and other newcomers after worship. We would like to know you! Please let Rev. Valerie or the church office know if you can attend.

Our 2024 Lenten Journey: **Living Prayer**



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This week we are called to pray for tolerance and understanding. I would invite us to remember the music that speaks to us regarding tolerance and understanding. It could be through the melody or the words of the song. Here are some hymn lyrics that I find especially meaningful in growing tolerance and understanding.

My Love Colours Outside the Lines More Voices 138 Verse 1

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

We Are Pilgrims Voices United 595 Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Will You Come and Follow Me Voices United 567 Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Voices United 684 Verse 3

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.