



June 2, 2024

Communion Sunday

Pride Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Valerie Oden

*Note: RUC children are invited to visit a neighbourhood bee farm belonging to the Schoenhardt family. Meet in the narthex now to join in the outing (2 blocks walk).*

Introduction to Pride Sunday

Carolyn Miller, Affirming Team

Introit

*And On This Path*

MV 8

Call to Worship

Charles Hitschfeld, Lay Leader

One: We come here seeking love, forgiveness, acceptance.

**All: We come here seeking comfort but we are willing to be stretched.**

One: May we truly be a safe space for all,

**All: As the love of God welcomes all.**

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Creator God, we marvel in awe at your creation. Your diversity of life is boundless, and we are grateful. We celebrate that all people are beautifully and wonderfully made in your image. Teach us to love and embrace everyone, as you embrace us. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Let Us Build a House*

*(verses 1, 3, 4, 5)*

MV 1

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture

Psalm 91  
I Corinthians 13: 1-7, 13

VU 807

Anthem

*Give Me a Song (P. Choplin)*

RUC Choir  
Jessica Robertson, Director

Reflection

Amelio Skinner

\*Hymn of Response

*Deep in Our Hearts*

MV 154

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

We Share at the Table

Hymn of Invitation

*There is Room for All*

MV 62

Blessing the Elements

Communion Prayer (in Unison)

**As we come to the table today, may we make room in our hearts and in our lives for those who are left out. May we celebrate the diversity of creation and variety of human beings on earth. May we be always growing in the love of Christ for all, and may we keep the table open. Amen.**

Sharing in Communion

*In the United Church of Canada, all are welcome to Christ's table. Please come forward as you're able down the centre aisle and receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free elements are available in the centre serving station, and we use only grape juice.*

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment

Mortgage Campaign

Ray Hawrelak

Offering our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto: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      *Draw the Circle Wide*      MV 145

\*Benediction

\*Musical Response      *Psalm 91, Refrain only*      VU 807

Postlude      Sherry Steele

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*\*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*

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**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.

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**Thank you to Amelio Skinner** for sharing with us in today's worship service. Leo grew up in this church as a child then moved farther away. May all on the margins find the United Church of Canada a safe place, and may we continue to work for the inclusion of all people.

**From the United Church of Canada:** “The United Church celebrates its official Pride Sunday on the first Sunday in June. We encourage you to mark this day and celebrate the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity.”

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sun., June 9      Grad Recognition and Adult Baptism  
**Church Picnic**, Food Provided  
*(Sign up for the picnic in the narthex or online)*
- Sun., June 16      National Indigenous People's Sunday  
with David Faber
- Sat., June 22      Dinner and Drumming with RB Rocks, 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., June 23      Choir's Choice Hymn Sing  
New Members Received  
Leadership Affirmation  
Farewell to Luke Nelson, Youth Coordinator



Roncesvalles United Church, Toronto

**Riverbend United Church**  
**June 2, 2024**

Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m.