



May 12, 2024

Christian Family Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *Where Two or Three are Gathered* MV 14

Call to Worship Dr. Joan Robinson, Lay Leader

One: Creator, parent of the families of all kinds on earth,

All: We gather to worship you.

One: Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

All: We gather to worship in song, in prayer, in word, fellowship and reflection.

One: May we be woven as one by the Spirit and lift our voices in joy.

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* VU 232

Children's Time Krystal Manuel

Children and youth are invited downstairs after this hymn. 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.

*Children's Song *Jump for Joy* MV 48

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Psalm 36 VU 762
Matthew 5:1-11

Anthem *I Feel the Spirit* – traditional RUC Choir
additional words by Nancy Price, arranged by Don Besig

Reflection “Happy are Those...” Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *Rejoice in the Lord Always* VU 249

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *O God Hear Our Prayer* VU 948

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment

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 *Would You Bless our Homes and Families* VU 556
Verses 1 and 4

*Benediction

*Musical Response *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VU 884

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.** We'd love to know who you are!

Our Mission

We, the people of Riverbend United Church,
recognize the dignity, value, and beauty of every individual
as a beloved child of God.

We seek to grow spiritually,
deepening our connections to God and to each other
through worship, discussion, reflection, and service.

We embrace the gifts brought by all people of every age, culture,
economic background, ethnicity, gender, gender expression,
mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation
that enrich the life of this faith community.

As followers of Christ,
we celebrate the diversity brought by each person
who joins us on our journey and shares in our congregational life,
welcoming their full participation in church membership,
leadership, and celebration of life events.