



May 26, 2024

Baptism Sunday

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Valerie Oden

Land Acknowledgement

Introit

*There is Room for All*

MV 62

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

One: We gather as a community of faith to give thanks for this new day.

**All: We gather to be reminded that we are not alone.**

One: We're better together, in community, to handle life's difficulties, to reach out to those in need, to grow in wisdom and faith.

**All: May we be refreshed today, ready to live as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.**

\*Opening Hymn / M & S Giving *It's a Song of Praise...* MV 30

*As we sing, you are invited to bring forward special gifts for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada to honour significant events that have occurred in the last month.*

Children's Time

*After the Baptism, children are invited downstairs for age-appropriate activities. There is also a Family room behind the piano for wee ones where a volunteer will assist parents and the service can be heard.*

## We Baptize a Child of God

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ERIC CASSIDY JESS Please see Insert

\*Hymn of Blessing

*Like a Healing Stream*

MV 144

## We Listen for the Spirit, in Lament and in Hope

Scripture

Matthew 24: 4-13

Reflection

Dr. Doug Spaner

Hymn

*In the Quiet Curve of Evening*

VU 278

Prayer of the People (In Unison)

**Holy One, you never forsake us. Even when times are hard and the night seems too long, we know that we are not alone. You are always with us, and we give you thanks.**

**We have endured losses in these years, and the world is changed. May our lament be transformed by your grace into healing and hope. Amen.**

Silent Personal Reflection

*What have we lost, during and since Covid?*

Hymn

*Don't Be Afraid*

MV 90

Scripture

Psalms 22 (Selected Verses)

Reflection

Dr. Doug Spaner

Anthem

*Your Love is Amazing (MV 26)*

The RUC Ensemble

## We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment

*Mortgage Campaign*

Matthew Schoenhardt

## 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

*And on This Path*

MV 8

### \*Benediction

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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*

**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!

**The Mission and Service Fund** of the United Church of Canada works with partners around the globe to help transform lives, to inspire meaning and purpose, and to build a better world. Each month, we are invited to share special gifts to this fund in honour of significant events in our family's life.

**New Members** will be received in June. Please let Valerie know if you want to join the church as a full member.

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**Reminder: Church Picnic is June 9<sup>th</sup>** after worship. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many to plan for. Food is provided.