



Communion Sunday

Riverbend United Church

November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community



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We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements/Joys and Concerns

Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit

Joyfully Sing

Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Joel Fleck, Lay Leader

One: Calling all saints, sinners, sleepy-heads, and livewires--

All: Here we are, just as we are.

One: Whoever we are, we are accepted, right here, right now,
gathered as one in worship.

**All: And from here, now, we all keep growing together,
loving God and loving neighbour.**

Opening Prayer (Unison)

God of life,

we're grateful for this new day.

We're grateful for Jesus,

who shows us what it means to be love in form.

We're grateful for this community of faith,

for support on the journey of justice and inclusion.

May our hearts be open today,

receiving your grace so that we might offer grace to all.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

VU 333

Children are invited to leave during the final verse of this hymn to go downstairs. They will return for Communion. Youth are invited to remain in worship this morning.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Psalm 146 VU 868
Deuteronomy 6: 1-4; Mark 12: 28-34

Anthem *A Time for Turning* (C. Courtney; P. Martin)
RUC Choir

Reflection "Transforming Love"

*Communion Hymn *We Gather Here* VU 469

We Share at the Table

Please See Insert

We Go Forth Loving God and Neighbour

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 *My Life Flows On* VU 716

*Benediction

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*

T-Coil Hearing Loop is installed: Turn your hearing aid to "T."
Other hearing devices are also available at the sound desk.



Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we would love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself! If you want to receive the weekly email with news and upcoming events just fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex or find someone with "ASK ME" on their name tag.

Next Sunday: Remembrance Sunday

Riverbend United Church Mission Statement

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

We seek to grow spiritually, deepening our connections to God and 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 and work, welcoming their full participation in church membership, leadership, and celebration of life events.

Staff Ministry Team:

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus
Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Sherry Steele, Accompanist
Krystal Manuel, Children's Ministry
Holly Ruryk, Care Coordinator
Nathan Mills & Rob Beghin, Audio-Visual
Alison Grant Preville, Handbell Choir Director
Catherine Evoy, Office Assistant

Ministry of the Community:

Joan Robinson, Chair
Jill Spaner, Co- Chair
Matthew Schoenhardt, Treasurer
Don Trenn, Facilities Manager
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Peggy Robinson, Communion/Decor
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion
Ann Olsthoorn & Erin James, Coffee
Dawn Power, Sanctuary Tidier
Glenda McLaren, Bulletins

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Celebrate God's Presence)

(Please refer to MV #203-205 for musical responses)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to be thankful!

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light,
Giver of life in all its diversity,
Source of love.

You breathe life into us
and set us among all your creatures
in a covenant of love and service.

**Even when we turn away from you,
you offer us life.
You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,
to remind us of your promise of peace,
and to call us back to you from the ends of the earth
in constant forgiveness
as one body with many gifts.**

We give thanks for Jesus,
for your love revealed in him.
We give thanks that he shows us the Way,
feeds the hungry and sets the captive free.

**And so we join the song of all creation
to proclaim your goodness:**

Musical Response

MV 203

***O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name
always!***

Blessing the Bread and the Cup

... We share at the table today to remember Jesus, to hear once
again the call to love God and love one another.

Musical Response

MV 204

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

Prayer for Transformation

The Lord's Prayer

VU 914

Musical Response

MV 205

***Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, Amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

Sharing in Communion

*All are welcome to share in Communion. Please come forward down the centre
aisle to a serving station as you are able. Receive the piece of bread and dip it in
the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free elements are in
the centre station. If you wish to be served in your seat, a server will come to you.*

Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, here we have tasted your goodness
and received the fullness of your grace.
Send us forth in faith, in hope, and in love,
as renewed and renewing followers of Christ. Amen.**