



March 16, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit

There is Room for All

MV 62

Call to Worship

Charles Hitschfeld, Lay Leader

One: There is so much to do:

All: Groceries to buy, people to feed, errands to run, kids to watch, meetings to attend.

One: In this season of Lent, may we make time to rest in God before we do any of it.

All: Like Mary at Jesus' feet, may we be still and listen.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy one, open our hearts to your ever present call.
May we find your peace within us when we are still.
Open our eyes to your love moving everywhere
within us and around us, and may our faith be ever
growing. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Open My Eyes

VU 371

Children's Time

Krystal Manuel and Alec Gallant

*Children's Hymn

Lord Prepare Me

MV 18

After this hymn, children and youth are invited downstairs if they wish. Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome in the Family Room behind the piano where the service can be seen and heard, and a volunteer will assist you.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27: 1-6 (First two sections)
Luke 10:38-42

VU 754

Anthem

O Source of All (B. Tate)

RUC Choir

Reflection

Everything in Between: Faith and Works

*Hymn of Response

Spirit Breath Be Our Breath

MV 150

We Share in Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Lenten Candle Liturgy**

(J. Slettom)

Hymn

Holy Sacred Spirit

MV 15

Leader: ... As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

(The second Lenten candle is extinguished.)

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the patience to find you in the stillness. Help us make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.

Hymn

Holy Sacred Spirit

MV 15

We Offer our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Charles Hitschfeld

Offering plates can be found in the foyer. 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.

*Hymn

Bless Now, O God the Journey VU 633
(Tune: VU 421)

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction *Go Now in Peace* VU 964

*Postlude

Sherry Steele

**Indicates you are invited to stand as able*

VU refers to the red hard bound hymnal, Voices United

MV refers to the small paperbound hymnal, More Voices

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Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

If you're new with us we would love to meet you. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pews. If you'd like to receive the RUC weekly email with news and happenings in the church, please fill out the Welcome Card in the narthex (foyer).

Next Sunday, March 23

Faces of Faith dialogue with Graham Gaine, who will lead us through a short introduction to Centring Prayer as part of the dialogue.

Sunday, March 30

The Very Rev. Jordan Cantwell will be our guest preacher. Jordan is a past Moderator of the United Church and currently serves as the Growth Animator for the Prairie Regions. Jordan has a deep wisdom and a compelling presence. Please join us if you are able.



Riverbend United Church

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Everything in Between:
meeting God in the midst of extremes

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.