



March 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Lost and Found

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Randy Nelson

Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

*Introit / Call to Worship *And on this Path* MV 8

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Find us, God of life. Find us, wherever we've wandered. Find us with your love and your grace. Then help us to reach out to others, so they may know they belong. Open our hearts, that we may love one another as you love us. Amen.

Mission and Service Moment A Retreat for Mothers, Ukraine

*Opening Hymn / M & S Giving *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV 79

We are invited forward as we wish, with special offerings for the M & S Fund of the United Church to honour special events in our family's life this month.

Children's Time

Alec Gallant, Children's Co-Coordinator

Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Hymn *Like a Rock* MV 92

After this hymn, children can go downstairs for age-appropriate education or remain in worship. Littler ones are welcome in the Family Room adjacent to the sanctuary where the service is streamed and a volunteer will assist you.

Scripture Reading Luke 15: 1-7

Anthem *One Love (Bob Marley)* The Ensemble
Ayanna Rocke, Steel Drums

Reflection The Very Reverend Jordan Cantwell

*Hymn of Response *Spirit God, 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: ... Today, as we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle, we acknowledge the darkness and pain caused by the lack of basic needs — lack of food, of shelter, of education, of healthcare, of love.

(The fourth Lenten candle is extinguished.)

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer

Ever loving source of life, we thank you that you are with us, that we are not alone. May we be mindful of your presence as we acknowledge the pain in our lives and in the world. May we trust in your promise of wholeness as we seek to respond to those who lack basic needs. May we lean into your grace as our Lenten journeys unfold.

Hymn *Holy Sacred Spirit* MV 15

We Offer our Lives

Offering Our Gifts

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 *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV 138

*Benediction

*Postlude

**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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If you're new with us we'd love to meet you. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbor 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).

Today we welcome the Very Rev. Jordan Cantwell as our guest preacher. Jordan is a Past Moderator of the United Church and currently serves as the Growth Animator for the Prairie Regions. We are grateful for her presence with us!



Riverbend United Church

Everything in Between:
Meeting God in the midst of extremes

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10:30 a.m.