



Sunday, August 24, 2025

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 a.m. or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

Message from Rev. Valerie

August 22, 2025

Dear friends:

I'm not sure why, but I really love the [scriptural story](#) of the boy Samuel assisting the priest Eli in the temple. Samuel seems so willing, even eager. He hears his name being called and he assumes it's Eli, but the story eventually reveals that it's God calling him.

And then there's the prophet [Isaiah](#) telling us, "Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, so you may live."

What is real listening? What is it to listen within us for the divine whisper? What is it to really listen to one another, or to the natural world?

Join us on Sunday as we explore these themes.

Tomorrow, a group from Riverbend United will join other United Church people walking in the Edmonton Pride Parade. As an Affirming Ministry of the United Church, we are committed to publicly witnessing to the sacred gift that each person is. Thank you to Jill Spaner for coordinating our involvement on behalf of the Affirming Team.

Have a great weekend

Valerie

In Our Prayers

- Please keep the Juliebo family in your hearts as we celebrate [Peter](#)'s life tomorrow (August 23rd) at 11:00 a.m. Peter was a founding member of Riverbend United.
- We will celebrate the life of [Eleanor Millman](#) next Wednesday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m. Eleanor was involved in our music program in the early years of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week's [Order of Service](#)
- You can find this week's Announcements by clicking [here](#)