



Sunday, August 31, 2025

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on Sunday, August 31st at 10:30 a.m. or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

Message from Rev. Valerie

August 29, 2025

Dear friends:

For this long weekend sabbath day, Rev. Dr. [Catherine MacLean](#) will lead worship in my stead. Catherine is well respected across the United Church for her contributions in theology and hymnody. She was also one of the disciples in the anniversary initiative, [A Place at the Table](#), which she shared with us on [June 15th](#). Catherine retired after most recently serving St. Paul's UC for 20 years, and we are happy to welcome her in our pews from time to time. Catherine suggests that this quote should provide food for thought for her reflection this week: "Empathy is the mother tongue of human beings." *Payam Akvahan*.

In our Prayers:

- RUC members Paul and Janet Fung celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. We give thanks for their life of love. [Congratulations!](#)
- Our Accompanist Sherry Steele's mom suffered a stroke this week and we hold Sherry and her mom and their family in our hearts. Mom is heading home for more recovery, and Sherry calls her "an absolute superstar-celebrity of the stroke ward."

Peace to all,

valerie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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