



November 2, 2025

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Behold, I Make All Things New* MV 115

Opening Prayer Holly Ruryk, Lay Leader

As we gather for worship this morning, may the Holy Spirit break into our humdrum lives and awaken us once again to what matters.

May we be nourished in Communion and find new gratitude for the gift of each moment.

May we renew our commitment to the wholeness of life, living for the love of God and love of neighbour.

May we go from this place re-set and ready for the week ahead. Amen.

*Heritage Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* VU 236

Children's Time Alec Gallant

Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Hymn *I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus* MV 188
(Verse 1 only: English, Swahili, English)

After this hymn, children grades K-6 and youth can go downstairs for Sunday School. Toddlers and infants are welcome in the Family Room adjacent to the sanctuary where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading John 17, selected verses

Anthem *Jesus Savior Pilot Me*
Words: Hopper; Music: Roesch

Reflection Lessons from the Setting Sun 1:
The Gift of Our Mortality

*Hymn of Response *In the Quiet Curve of Evening* VU 278

We Share in Communion

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And with you also.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We open our hearts to the Source of life, giving thanks.

(The minister continues the prayer and blesses the elements.)

The Lord's Prayer VU 914

Sharing in Communion

All are welcome to Christ's table. Please come forward as you are able down the centre aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. The centre serving station has only gluten free elements. If you prefer to be served in your seat, lift a hand and the elements will be brought to you.

We Offer our Lives

Invitation to 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

Give Thanks for Life

VU 706

*Benediction

One: As we go from this table,
may we live each moment as a sacred gift.

All: **Knowing our days are numbered,
may our love be wholehearted.**

**May Christ's joy be complete in us,
and God's grace go before us,
through every sunset and dawn. Amen.**

*Musical Response

Prayer of Dedication Inside back cover of VU

Postlude

Sherry Steele

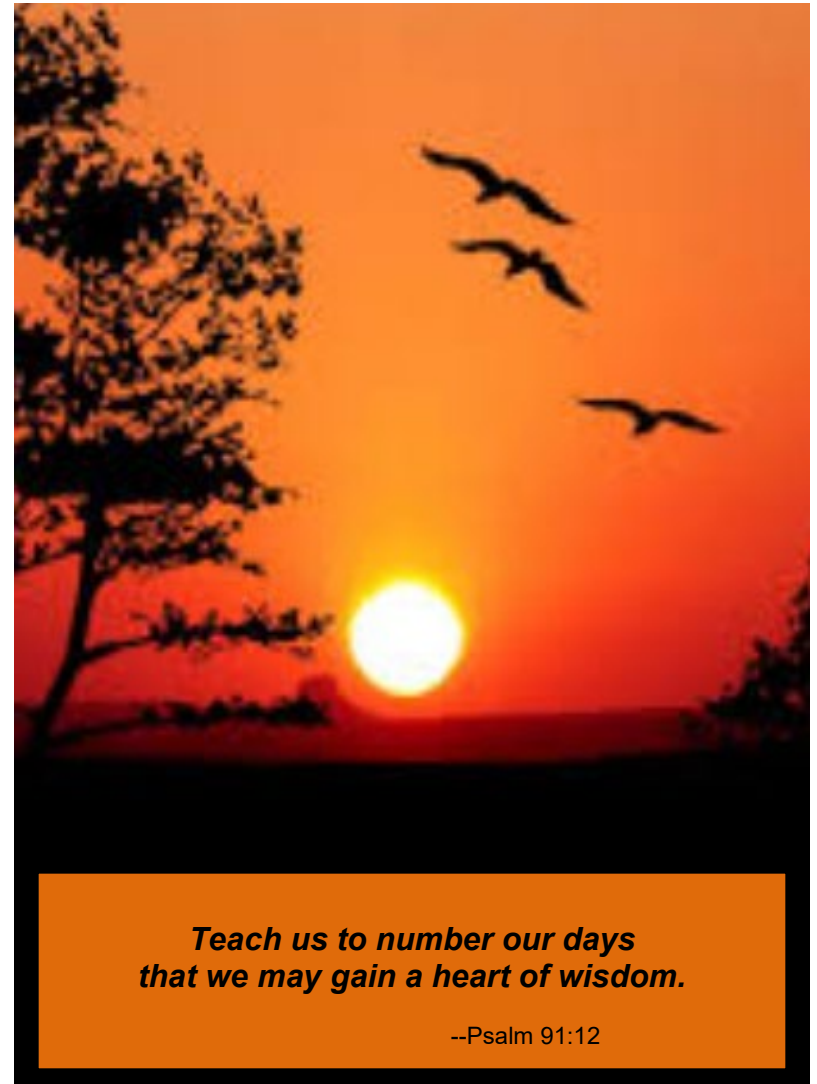
**Indicates you are invited to stand as able
VU refers to the red hard bound hymnal, Voices United
MV refers to the small spiral bound hymnal, More Voices*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

We're glad you're here. If you're new with us, please feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pews and fill out a **Welcome Card** in the narthex (foyer) so we can get to know you. We send a weekly email with upcoming events and ministry highlights.

Thank you to Peggy Robinson and Stephen and Fiona Bamforth for serving as our Communion Stewards.

Newcomers' Welcome – Next Sunday, November 9, 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. New to the church in the last year? Join us for a light lunch to learn more about the church and get to know other newcomers and leaders of the church. RSVP to Rev. Valerie or sign up in the narthex (foyer).



Sunday, November 2, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Lessons from the Setting Sun

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