



October 12, 2025

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We Gather Together Giving Thanks

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Grateful (Refrain only)* MV 182

Call to Worship Christine Ens, Lay Leader

One: Come, you thankful people, come!

**All: We gather with grateful hearts, so many different gifts among us.**

One: We give thanks for our abundance, even if we feel only lack.

**All: We give thanks for the gifts of the earth, of loved ones, of life.**

\*Opening Hymn *Come, You Thankful People Come* VU 516

Children's Time Alec Gallant

*Children are invited forward for a special time.*

\*Children's Hymn *Lord, Prepare Me* MV 18

*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 Readings Psalm 107 (Part One) VU 831  
I Corinthians 12: 4 - 8

Anthem *In the Spirit of Thanksgiving (J. Martin, Arr, Nix)*

Reflection Joyfully Sharing: Talent

\*Hymn of Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* VU 227

We Share in Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *O God Hear Our Prayer* VU 948

Silent, Personal Prayer

Prayer of the People (Unison)

**Source of life, thank you for accompanying us on the journey even when we're not aware of your presence.**

**Thank you for those who walk with us, offering encouragement when we need it, challenge when we're ready for it, kindness always.**

**Thank you for the all the ministries of this church, and for all who support them with their time, talent, treasure and prayers. May we move through our days joyfully sharing love with others. Amen.**

We Offer our Lives

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the foyer. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto: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                      *We Praise You, O God*                      VU 218

\*Benediction

\*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*

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### **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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**The Fall Feast is next Sunday, October 19** -- Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner is at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available today in the narthex (foyer.) (\$20 per person, \$60 per family, Children 12 and under free.)

**An Evening of Marvelous Music Night** – Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 pm. A concert of many church musicians offering pop music from the 60's, 70's and beyond. Free Will offering gratefully accepted.

**Newcomers' Welcome** -- Sunday, November 9, 11:45-1:00. 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).



*Joyfully Sharing:  
Time, Talent, Treasure*

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