



October 19, 2025

We Gather Together

Prelude *Jubilee (Shermann)* RUC Handbells

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Wednesday Walkers 35th Anniversary Georgianna McDavid

Introit *Walk With Me* vss. 1 and 4 VU 649

Opening Prayer Joanne Little, Lay Leader

Today we gather to give thanks, to share in fellowship, and to be the community of faith together. May our hearts be open to the gifts of this new day and to the ever present love that sustains us each moment, so that we might bring such love to those we meet. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Come, Let Us Sing* VU 222

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 Reading Matthew 6: 1-4, 19-21

Reflection Joyfully Sharing: Treasure

Anthem *A Celtic Thanksgiving* RUC Choir
(Words: J. P. Williams; Music: J. Martin)

We Share in Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Walk With Me* (Refrain only) VU 649

Silent, Personal Prayer

Prayer of the People (Unison)

**Holy one, we give you thanks for the abundance of our lives:
For the gifts of food, shelter and clothing, we are grateful.
For those who walk with us on the journey, we are grateful.
For the ministries of this church, we are grateful.**

Lead us as we seek to give our hearts to what matters; teach us to treasure what you would have us value.

Guide us as we seek to balance keeping what we need and giving what we can.

Remind us daily that all that we have, all that we are, comes from you and belongs to you. May we learn to return our lives to you as we live through our days.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for love, Amen.

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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 *Will You Come and Follow Me* VU 567

*Benediction

Musical Response *Gratitude (Guebert)* RUC Handbells

**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*

The RUC Choir is directed by Paula Roberts.
The RUC Handbells are directed by Alison Grant-Préville.

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 tonight - Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (\$20 per person, \$60 per family, children 12 and under free).

An Evening of Marvelous Music – Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m. 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 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).



**October 19, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

Riverbend United Church

*Joyfully Sharing:
Time, Talent, Treasure*