



**Sunday, October 05, 2025**

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on Sunday, October 05th at 10:30 a.m. or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

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**Message from Rev. Valerie**

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Dear friends:

This week we celebrate **World Communion Sunday** with followers of Jesus around the world. As you move through this weekend, I invite you into a simple spiritual practice: being aware of people in the various time zones around the world. As we rise in the morning, half the world is going to sleep.

We humans all "live and move and have our being" in a balance and rhythm of life, part of an unseen whole, connected by the divine in all we do. *Our time* is not really "ours." It belongs to this unseen whole, to the Source that gives us life. What does it mean to return our time, to share it joyfully?

This Sunday we celebrate our global connection as we begin a new sermon series called "Joyfully Sharing: Time, Talent, Treasure." I hope you can join us!

After worship we are invited into an extended coffee and fellowship time as we browse through "**RU in Action**," a ministry fair where we can learn about the various groups and activities of the church. There's something for everyone in this place where everyone is welcome.

This is the last Sunday to bring food to the church for the **Edmonton Food Bank**. We will be blessing our donations in worship, sending them on to those in need with our prayers.

If you're at the **Farmer's Market** at the Terwillegar Rec Centre this Wednesday, look for the Riverbend United Church booth in the community tent and say hi!

To our **Online Community**, if you'd like to join us in Communion this week, please have a piece of bread and a cup nearby as you participate in worship.

**In Our Prayers:**

- We remember RUC member **Curt Svensen** and family upon the death of his beloved wife of 69 years, [Carrie Svendsen](#).
- Please keep RUC member **Fred Shepel** in your hearts as he moves through his sunset days in Norwood Hospice Care.
- Please keep **our youth** in your hearts this evening as they join youth of St. Paul's UC and Robertson Wesley UC in a multi-church outing to the Corn Maze.

Have a beauty-filled weekend (perhaps conscious of people in other time zones),

*valerie*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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