



November 16, 2025

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit

A Little Suite III
(Wagner)

RUC Handbells
Alison Grant-Préville, Director

Call to Worship

Dawn Power, Lay Leader

One: The night is fading; a new light is rising.

All: We come to greet the dawn with open hearts.

One: In life and in death, God is our dwelling place.

All: May we trust the light we cannot yet see.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Eternal God,
you are the dawn that follows every night,
the promise that outlasts our fear.**

**Open our eyes to your quiet radiance among us.
Teach us to live with peace, to die with trust,
and to rest always in your love.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

VU 232

Children's Time

Alec Gallant

Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Hymn

This is the Day

MV 122

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 91 (Chorus only)
John 11: 25-26; John 14:1-3

VU 808

Anthem

Even So (B. Shevy)

RUC Choir
Paula Roberts, Director

Reflection

Lessons of the Setting Sun 3
Into the Dawn: Trusting the Light We Cannot Yet See

Musical Response

You Desire Truth / Teach Me Wisdom
(Bruce Harding)

Silent Meditation

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Prayer

Bist Du Bei Mir
(Stölzel)

RUC Handbells

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 or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

*Hymn

Joy Comes with the Dawn

VU 166

*Benediction

*Musical Benediction

Prayer of Dedication

Inside back cover, 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.

Green Sleeve Q & A today: Dr. Ayanna Rocke and Holly Ruryk will be in the Chapel after worship to answer questions about the Green Sleeve medical form.

Gratitude Tea today: The RUC Handbells are offering a time of cake and coffee in the Gathering Room immediately following worship.

New members will be received December 7. Please let Valerie know if you would like to join Riverbend United Church. We will also be sharing in Baptism that day.



*Teach us to number our days
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

--Psalm 91:12

***Lessons from the Setting Sun 3
Into the Dawn: Trusting the Light We Cannot Yet See***

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