



Sunday, January 18, 2026

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on **Sunday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m.** or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

Message from Riverbend United Church

January 16, 2026

Dear friends:

This Sunday we finish the “Sacred Thresholds” sermon series, joining the children of Israel at the Red Sea after their liberation from slavery in Egypt. You likely remember this story, and for us older folks it may be through images of Charlton Heston in *The Ten Commandments* movie. Would you believe that was 1956?!? For the youngsters amongst us, though the cinematography is lacking by today’s standards, the film was impactful in its day.

Of course, under today’s scientific standards, we may question the actual “parting” of the Red Sea at the hand of God. Scholars have gone to great lengths to explain how such an event occurred. But to me, the story has its meaning *as a story*, independent of scientific integrity.

In your own threshold moments, when you were unsure about moving forward, what was it that drew you on through the threshold into the new? How did you find the courage to step through?

This week’s story from [Exodus 14](#) has us exploring our threshold moments, and recognizing that we are not alone in them.

Have a good weekend,

Valerie

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We lift up Kaylee Emslie in our hearts. Kaylee has been in and out of the hospital recently with some health challenges. She is a new Church member who has been regularly volunteering with our Children’s program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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