



February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *To a Wild Rose (arr. Callahan)* RUC Handbells

Call to Worship Patrycja Kabut-Hinger

One: We come to the mountain, seeking clarity and light.

All: We come with hearts already held in blessing.

One: The light shines from Jesus, not to dazzle us, but to guide us.

All: So we worship, ready to carry that light into the valley.

Opening Prayer (in Unison)

Holy One, you meet us in brilliance and in shadow, on mountaintops and in valleys.

Open our eyes to the light that is already among us.

Teach us to listen—not just in moments of wonder, but in everyday life.

Shape our blessing into kindness, our awe into courage, our faith into action. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *We Have Come* VU 104

Children's Time Alec Gallant

*Children's Hymn *You Are Holy* MV 45

Children grades K-6 can go downstairs. Youth can remain in worship this morning. Toddlers and infants are welcome in the Family Room (behind the piano) where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading Matthew 17: 1-9

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* RUC "Pop-Up" Choir
Words: F.S. Pierpoint Music: Greg Gilpin

Reflection "Blessed for the Valley" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* MV 143

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* VU 400

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

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 *Maker in Whom We Live* vss. 1, 3, 4 VU 321

*Benediction

Postlude *Rondo on a Theme by Telemann* RUC Handbells
(C. Dobrinski)

**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.

This Tuesday, February 17: Pancakes and Ashes will be offered on Shrove Tuesday, February 17. Pancakes will be served at 5:30 by our Youth and the Turkey Team, followed by a Services of Ashes at 6:30. Come and get your Lenten journey off to a meaningful start.

Sunday Morning Lenten Study begins next Sunday, February 22 at 9:30 in the Chapel. (Through the double doors by the elevator.) Copies of the book *Rise: A Lenten Devotional* by John Pavlovitz are available in the office this morning. Cost is \$10.



Communion Liturgy
Liturgy by Alydia Smith (adapted)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Though creation sometimes weeps,

we wait lovingly for you, Source of life.

You created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them:

you bring the snows in Winter and open flowers in Spring.

You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans,

and inside each grain of wheat.

Thank you for the wonders of creation.

Though humanity sometimes weeps,

we trust in you, Creator.

You lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend,

giving everyone around the world a sacred path to follow.

**Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples; we do
our best to faithfully share your love with all of creation.**

SANCTUS (sung) *Holy, Holy, Holy* *More Voices 203*

In Jesus, love incarnate,

you provide us all we need for each day:

his words comfort the weary;

his actions challenge the contented;

his touch heals the sick;

his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.

In the way of Jesus and in his feast, you provide for us the

sustenance we need to respond to the cries of creation:

The bread of life nourishes our deprived bodies.

The cup of blessing revives our thirsty souls.

The gathered community strengthens our growing faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (sung)

More Voices 204

Though the church sometimes weeps,

we wait lovingly for you, God.

We join with our siblings around the world remembering the story:

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed,

he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it to his disciples saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all people for forgiveness.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Holy One, we remember and give thanks for your Child Jesus,

and we ask that you bless and pour your Spirit on us gathered here

and on these symbolic gifts of bread and cup.

May this broken bread be made whole in our taking.

May this full cup overflow in our sharing.

With these symbolic elements, nourish and enliven us,

our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.

Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

GREAT AMEN (sung)

More Voices 205

All are welcome to Christ's table, no matter what. Please come forward as you are able down the centre aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. The centre serving station has only gluten free elements. If you prefer to be served in your seat, lift a hand and the elements will be brought to you.

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