



Sunday, February 8, 2026

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on **Sunday, February 8th at 10:30 a.m.** or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

Message from Rev. Valerie

February 6, 2026

Dear friends:

Be Spicy! That's what Jesus tells us. Well, sort of.

"You are the salt of the earth," he says. And though I'm no chef, even I know that salt brings out the flavours in any dish. Salt helps all the other spices come to life, I'm told. What has this to do with being people of faith? Let's explore.

Jesus also tells us to let our light shine — don't hide it. That's a little more clear. Letting the light of love shine through us matters.

We'll explore this next part of the [Sermon on the Mount](#) this week. It immediately follows The Beatitudes, which we explored last week. I hope to see you.

Warmly,

Valerie

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We are sad to announce the passing of **Dr. Ken Bowes** on Wednesday. Ken and his wife Ruth have been active members of Riverbend United Church since its formation. Ken served as a General Surgeon at University of Alberta hospital until his retirement. Please keep Ruth and the entire family in your hearts.
- We will honour the life of [Rev. Ray Olsen](#) tomorrow at 11:00 am at the church. Please continue to keep his wife Grace Bowditch and their family in your prayers.
- We also lift up **Brent Bymo** and his partner Richard Pawsey, as Brent's mother passed in Saskatchewan this morning, two months after Richard's mom died. Please keep them both in your hearts.
- In joyous news, **Annika Schoenhardt's** Young Composer Award piece will be performed by the [Edmonton Symphony Orchestra](#) on Friday, February 20. Annika was raised in RUC and we are blessed by her gifts. Tickets are still available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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