



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

## We Gather Together

### Prelude

Sherry Steele

### Welcome / The Life and Work of the Church

Rev. Valerie Oden

### Call to Worship

One: "Hosanna!" Blessed is the one who comes in the name of love.

**All: Hosanna in the highest! We lift our voices in praise as we worship together with joy and courage.**

### \*Processional Hymn

*All Glory Laud and Honour*

VU 122

### Children's Time

Alec Gallant and Carolyn Miller

### \*Hymn

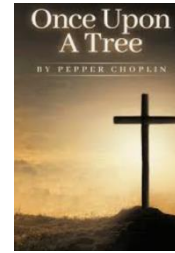
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

VU 123

*As we sing this hymn, children K-6 can go downstairs if they wish. 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.*

### Unison Prayer

**Holy One, as we gather on this day of praise and paradox, we open our hearts to the story of hope and surrender. Quiet our minds and steady our spirits to receive what is offered. May the music carry us deeper into love's unfolding way. Amen.**



## RUC Choir Cantata

*Once Upon a Tree*  
(by Pepper Choplin)

### **CAST**

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| Luke   | Matthew Schoenhardt (narrator) |
| Jesus  | Doug Spaner                    |
| Pilate | Sam Robertson                  |
| Mary   | Debbie Webb                    |

### **PROGRAM**

Once Upon a Tree  
Blessed is He  
Jerusalem  
Do This and Remember Me  
Gethsemane - solo by Doug Spaner (Jesus)  
Guilty of Innocence  
Crucify Him - solo by Sam Robertson (Pilate)  
Father, Forgive Them  
Now It's Time to Rest - solo by Debbie Webb (Mary)  
Once Upon a Tree (Reprise)

### **CHORUS**

Soprano  
Judy Brotto  
Heather Dettman  
Isabelle Nayet  
Peggy Robinson

Bass  
Stephen Bamforth  
Geoff Halferdahl  
David James  
Doug Spaner

Alto  
Fiona Bamforth  
Marilyn Blair  
Ava Garbutt  
Victoria Peard  
Marge Riley  
Debbie Webb  
Lyn Zuberbuhler

Tenor  
Sam Robertson  
Marv Severson

Paula Roberts - Musical Director  
Sherry Steele - Accompanist  
Rob Beghin - Sound Technician

# We Go Forth to Serve

## Offering Our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the foyer. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto: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.*

## Benediction

\*Musical Benediction      *Prayer of Dedication*

## Postlude

Sherry Steele

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*\*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***

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## **Welcome to Riverbend United Church!**

We're glad you're here. If you're new with us, 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. All the church events are listed in the **Front Pew newsletter** by the front doors to the church.

**Our thanks** to all our musicians for today's Cantata. Special thanks to Paula Roberts, Music Director, and Sherry Steele, Accompanist.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Good Friday Service** April 3, 10:30 a.m. We gather to meet Jesus at the cross in a different kind of service that is always highly valued. We are grateful to our Choir for being part of it.
- **Easter Sunday** is April 5. He is risen!



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