



March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

## We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u>		Sherry Steele
<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Valerie Oden
<u>The Life and Work of the Church</u>		
<u>Embodying our Faith</u>	Chair Stretches	Holly Ruryk, Care Coordinator
<u>Introit</u>	<i>Sanctus</i>	TLUS 16
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 95: 1-7 <i>(Part One)</i>	VU 814 Lisa Bossert, Lay Leader
* <u>Opening Hymn</u>	<i>Come, Let Us Sing</i>	VU 222
<u>Children's Time</u>		Alec Gallant and Carolyn Miller
<u>Children's Hymn</u>	<i>Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary</i>	MV 18
	<i>Children and youth are invited to go downstairs (if they wish) after this hymn. There is a Family Room behind the piano where a volunteer will assist you with infants and toddlers.</i>	

## We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading John 4: 5-15

<u>Anthem</u>	<i>As the Deer (Nystrom; arr: F Wilson)</i>	
<u>Reflection</u>	"Will you give me a drink?"	Rev. Valerie Oden
* <u>Hymn of Response</u>	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus</i>	VU 626
<u>Sharing Our Joys and Concerns</u>		

## We Enter Holy Silence

<u>Introduction to Meditation Moment</u>	Quaker Prayer	Graham Gaine
<u>Prayer Hymn</u>	<i>In the Presence of Your Holy Silence</i>	TLUS 71 <i>(The choir will sing it once, then we all sing.)</i>
<u>Meditation Moment</u>	<i>(Silent Prayer)</i>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre down</li> <li>Turn thy mind to the Light</li> <li>Stand still in the Light</li> </ol>	
<u>Prayer Hymn</u>	<i>In the Presence of Your Holy Silence</i>	TLUS 71

## 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](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.*

* <u>Hymn</u>	<i>We Shall go out with Hope of Resurrection</i>	VU 586
* <u>Benediction</u>		
* <u>Musical Response</u>	<i>Prayer of Dedication</i>	(See Screen)
<u>Postlude</u>		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  
TLUS refers to the new hymnal, Then Let Us Sing!*

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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.



### **Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith**

Our Lenten theme was created by "A Sanctified Art," a group of artists and theologians: [Sanctifiedart.org](http://Sanctifiedart.org). "We create church resources for artists and church leaders."

### Upcoming Lenten Events:

- **Lenten Café: Sunday, March 15:** Join us after worship in the Chapel for coffee, goodies, and conversation. The Chapel is through the double doors to your left as you leave the Sanctuary. Sponsored by the Care Team.
- **Palm Sunday Choir Cantata** March 29, 10:30 a.m.  
*Once Upon a Tree* by Pepper Choplin
- **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.

**Stewardship Second:** Sharing what we have—our time, our energy, our money, our belongings—spreads water on a world thirsting for justice.



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