



**Sunday,
March 22, 2026**

Join us for worship on **Sunday, March 22nd at 10:30 a.m.**, or [click here](#) for the live-streamed services.

Message from Rev. Valerie

March 20, 2026

Dear friends:

This fifth Sunday in Lent, we reflect on [the story of Lazarus](#) in John 11. We'll echo Ezekiel's question, "**Can these bones live?**" At a time when many people are feeling weary, this story meets us honestly—with grief, longing, and the possibility of new life. Join us as we listen for hope in a story where Jesus comes close to the tomb and calls forth life where none seems possible.

Immediately following the service, we'll have a Congregational Meeting to pass the 2026 budget.

Holy Week is just around the corner. It begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, when our choir will offer the full cantata *Once Upon a Tree*. If you are able, I encourage you to be with us in person. The beauty of the music is best heard in the room, and there is something especially meaningful about sharing the sound and spirit of worship together in the sanctuary.

Peace, friends,

valerie

Upcoming Events:

March 22 — RUC Congregational Meeting after worship, [click here](#) for 2025 Annual Report & Financial statements.

March 29 — Palm Sunday Choir Cantata at 10:30 a.m.

April 3 — Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m.

April 5 — Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week's [Order of Service](#)
- You can find this week's Announcements [here](#)
- The 2026 Lenten insert can be found [here](#)
- Riverbend United's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 22nd immediately following worship. Please [click here](#) for the 2025 Annual Report including the Treasurer's Report, the 2025 Financial statements, the 2026 Budget and the United Church of Canada's report on our Opportunity Fund. A few printed copies are also available in the Narthex.