



April 12, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome / Our Church in Ministry

Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit

This is the Day

MV 122

Call to Worship

Dawn Power, Lay Leader

One: We come with questions, with wonder, with hearts still unfolding.

All: We come as we are, not certain, but open.

One: The risen life meets us here—not beyond our doubt, but within it.

All: And in this meeting, new life begins among us.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Holy Presence,
you meet us where we are—
not where we pretend to be,
not where we think we should be.**

**In our questions, be with us.
In our uncertainty, draw near.**

**And in this season of rising life,
open us to what is unfolding—
quietly, gently, even now.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Thine is the Glory

VU 173

Children's Time

Alec Gallant

*Children's Hymn

Halle, Halle, Halle

VU 958

Children and youth are invited downstairs (if they wish). There is a Family Room behind the piano where a volunteer will assist you with infants and toddlers. They are also welcome to remain in worship.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading

John 20: 19-31

Anthem

RUC Choir

Reflection

"Right Where We Are"

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*Hymn of Response

Now the Green Blade Rises vss. 1, 3, 4 VU 186

We Respond with our Lives

Prayers of the People (Joys and concerns)

Choral Call to Prayer

O God Hear our Prayer

VU 948

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

VU 914

Stewardship Moment

Legacy Projects Update (Opportunity Fund)

Sheila Luther: Children and Youth Supplies

David James: Riverbend Men's Shed

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

We give in gratitude for the gift of love and life. Offering plates can be found in the narthex (foyer.) Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. Thank you for your support of the ministries of the church.

*Closing Hymn

In the Bulb

VU 703

*Benediction

Postlude

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**Denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

"VU" refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

"MV" refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

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.

The RUC Choir is directed by Paula Roberts.

Sunday Morning Contemplation

Each Sunday at 9:30, you're welcome to join Graham Gaine in the Chapel for a time of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina engagement of the morning Scripture.

Newcomers' Welcome May 3

If you're new to the church in the last year, please join us to learn more about the church and meet some leaders and other newcomers.
Held after worship

RUC Garage Sale – May 7 - 9

Donations accepted beginning May 3rd.



Sunday, April 12, 2026

Riverbend United Church