



April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome

Charles Hitschfeld

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit

God, Reveal Your Presence

VU 391 vs 1

Call to Worship

Dorothy Hitschfeld, Lay Leader

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: When the disciples were uncertain, Christ stood among them with peace.

All: When hearts were weary, Christ brought new life.

One: The risen Lord calls us together today.

All: We come to worship with joy and thanksgiving.

One: Let us open our hearts to the living Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Risen Lord, you walked with your disciples and set their hearts on fire with hope. Walk with us now. Open the scriptures to us, kindle faith within us, and help us recognize you, in word, sacrament, and one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

VU 170

Children's Time

Alec Gallant

Children's Hymn

Halle Halle Halle

VU 958

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.

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Readings

Psalms 116
Luke 24:13-35

VU 836
Dorothy Hitschfeld

Anthem

Reflection

Faith and the growth of faith Charles Hitschfeld

*Hymn of Response

Stay with Us through the Night

VU 182

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

We Enter Holy Silence

Prayer Hymn

VU 948

Pastoral prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment / Offering Our Gifts

Charles Hitschfeld

Offering plates can be found in the foyer. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to 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.

*Hymn

For Everyone Born vs. 1,2,3 and 6

TLUS 23

Benediction

Numbers 6: 24-26

Postlude

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!

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.

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 following worship.

RUC Garage Sale – May 7 - 9

Donations accepted beginning May 3rd.



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