



**April 26, 2026**  
**Whole Community Worship**  
**Creation: Diversity in Colour**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit                      *This is the Day*                      MV 122

Call to Worship

*adapted from the Rev. Michelle L. Torigan, "Be the Church: Protect the Environment" worship service. ©2016 Rev. Michelle L. Torigan*

One: Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies -  
**All: We are one in Christ**  
One: Whether our winters are balmy or our summers cool -  
**All: We are one in Christ**  
One: Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle -  
**All: We are one in Christ**  
One: Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape -  
**All: We are one in Christ**  
One: In a spirit of unity, caring for each other and the whole of creation -  
**All: We are one in Christ**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving Creator, today we have come with joyful hearts, grateful for the opportunity to give thanks for the beauty and colours of creation that surround us and the bounty of creation that sustains us. This morning, we gather to offer you praise through song, prayer and scripture, mindful that we are but one thread in the rich tapestry of life, connected to all living things. Amen.

Mission and Service Story

\*Hymn                      *Morning Has Broken*                      VU 409

Scripture:                      Story of Creation                      *told in a godly play style*

\*Hymn                      *It is Good*                      projected

Book                      Puffin Peter                      Petr Horáček

\*Hymn:                      *River*                      MV 3

Scripture                      Psalm 148:1-6

Hymn                      *God spoke to the darkness vss. 1-2*                      TLUS 7

Scripture                      Psalm 148:7-12

Hymn                      *God spoke to the darkness vss. 3-5*                      TLUS 7

Scripture                      Psalm 148: 13-14

Ensemble Anthem

All Age Activity                      Diversity in Colour

\*Hymn                      *O Beautiful Gaia*                      MV 41  
*(refrain, all verses, refrain)*

Reflection                      God's Technicolour World                      Carolyn Miller

\*Hymn:                      *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*                      MV 30

Prayers of the People

Offering our Gifts

*Offering plates can be found in the narthex. 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.*

\*Hymn

*Like a Healing Stream*

MV 144

\*Benediction

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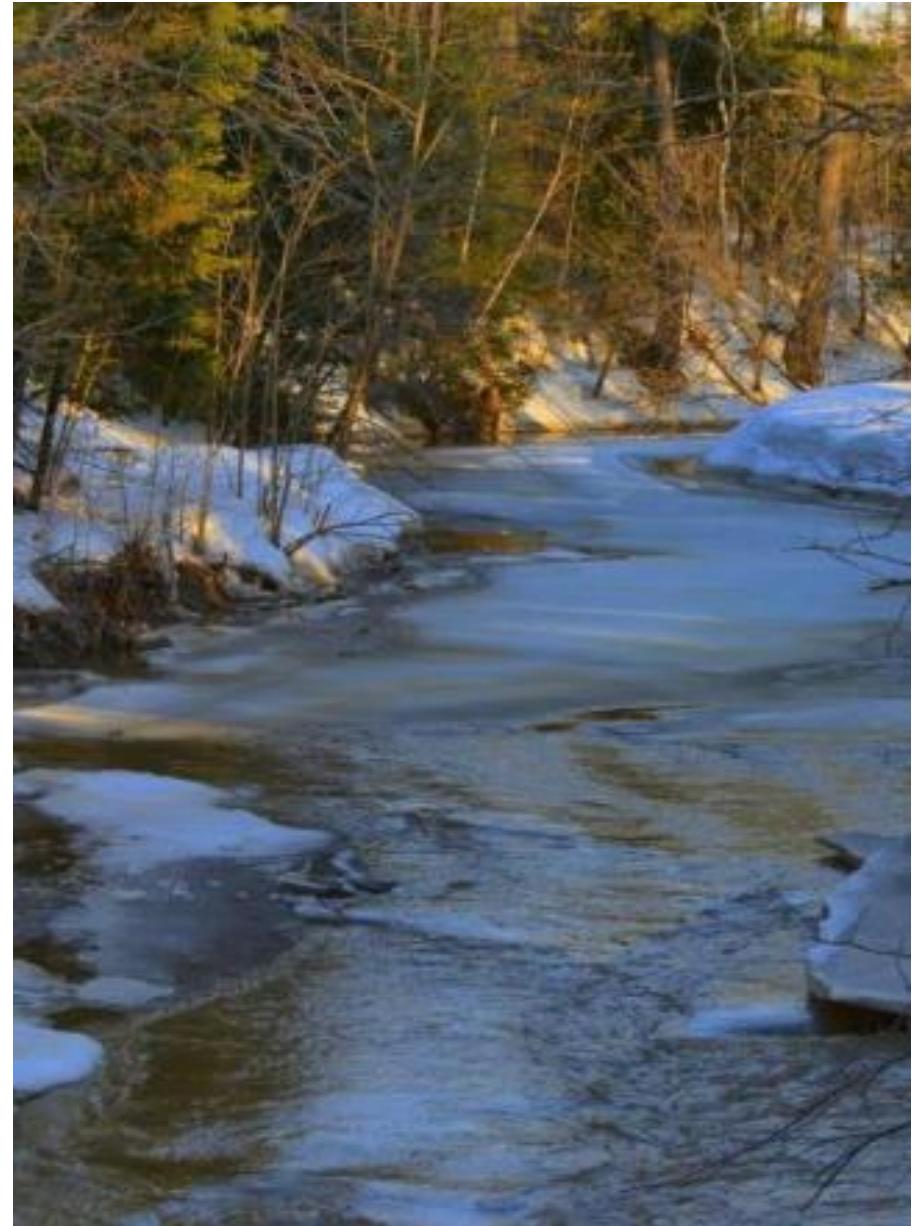
*\*denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“**VU**” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“**MV**” refers to the spiral-bound songbook *More Voices*

“**TLUS**” refers to the songbook found in the basket in the narthex  
*Then Let Us Sing!*

**Welcome to Riverbend United Church.** If you're new with us, we would love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the pews if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities or receive a call from our minister.



Riverbend United Church  
10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

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