



May 10, 2026

Christian Family Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New* MV 115

Call to Worship David, Olson, Lay Leader

One: We are not alone. We live in God's world.

All: We are shaped by relationship, held in a web of belonging.

One: From the smallest cells to the widest communities, life grows through connection.

All: We gather as one body to worship the Source of life: Mother, Father, Creator.

Opening Prayer (*The United Church of Canada, "Kin to One Another" adapted*)

Holy One, we gather in this time of worship, ready to be made new. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends.

We come here where we are welcomed as we are. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling.

Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us. Send us from this place ready to engage fully in your ongoing creation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *All Creatures of our God and King* VU 217

Children's Time Alec Gallant
Children are invited forward for a special time.

Children's Hymn *Little by Little* TLUS 134
See screen for alternate lyrics

After this hymn, children K-5 can go downstairs. There is a Family Room behind the piano where a volunteer will assist you with chatty little ones.

Passing the Peace

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12: 12-27

Anthem

Reflection *An Unfolding Creation 2* Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *Touch the Earth Lightly* vss. 1, 3, 4 VU 307

We Share in Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Mother and God* VU 280

Silent Prayer / The Lord's Prayer: A Paraphrase VU 916

Prayer Hymn *Mother and God* VU 280

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment *Legacy Update* David Olson

Offering Our Gifts

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 *Each Blade of Grass* MV 37

*Benediction

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!*

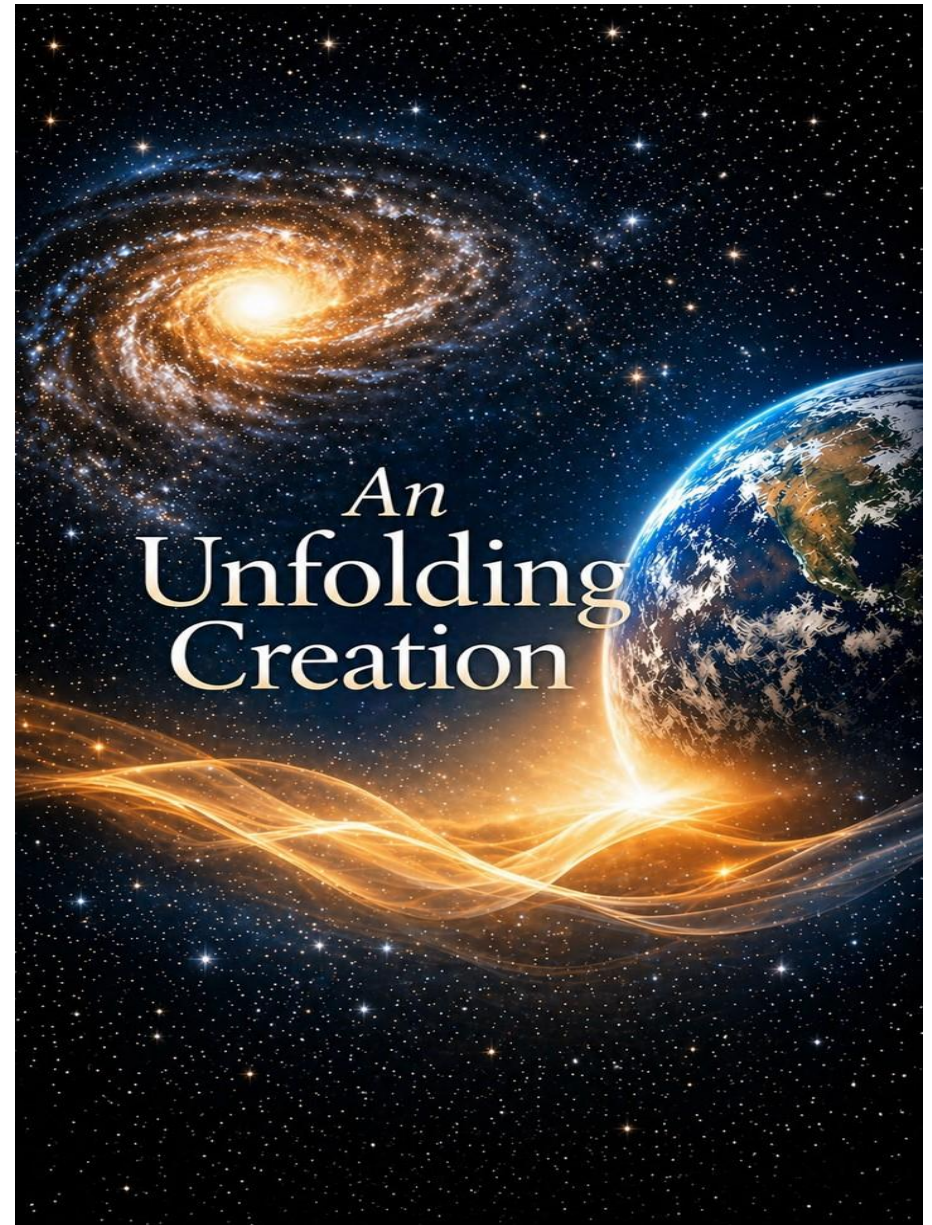
Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

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.

HUGE Thank You! To every single person who helped with the RUC Garage Sale!
Special Thanks to Holly Ruryk and Janet Pattison, Co-Coordinator.

An Unfolding Creation

- May 3** **Creation Unfolding**
Living inside a creation still in progress.
- May 10** **Life Connecting**
How relationship and cooperation helped life grow.
- May 17** **The Universe Waking Up**
Creation becoming aware—and entering wonder.
- May 24** **Humanity Becoming**
What future can emerge through our shared choices?



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10:30 a.m.