



May 17, 2026

We Gather Together

<u>Prelude</u>	Sherry Steele
<u>Welcome</u>	Rev. Valerie Oden
<u>The Life and Work of the Church</u>	
<u>Introit</u>	<i>Gather Us In</i> MV 7
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Cheryl Boisvert, Lay Leader

One: Gather us in, God of life.

All: We are here — aware, wondering, alive.

One: We gather in the mystery of being known and knowing.

All: May we enter the sacredness of this moment.

Opening Prayer

**Source of all life,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
may our distracted minds be quieted
and may our hearts awaken to wonder.**

**May we become more present to this moment,
to one another, and to the astonishing gift of being alive.
Amen.**

* <u>Opening Hymn</u>	<i>This is God's Wondrous World</i>	VU 296
<u>Children's Time</u>	Alec Gallant	
<u>Children's Hymn</u>	<i>Little by Little</i> See screen for alternate lyrics	TLUS 134

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.

<u>Graduate Recognition</u>	Lukas Bucerius; Luke Nelson; Asher Ammann (in absentia)
	Next week: Alise Sevigny, Conner Bowhay and Adam Hawrelak

We Listen for the Spirit

<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Acts 17: 24-28	
<u>Anthem</u>		
<u>Reflection</u>	An Unfolding Creation 3 <i>Weaving Psalm 139</i>	Rev. Valerie Oden VU 861
* <u>Hymn of Response</u>	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i> vs. 1, 3, 4	VU 307

We Share in Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

<u>Prayer Hymn</u>	<i>Mother and God</i>	VU 280
<u>Meditation Moment</u>	Whole Body Mystical Awakening	Graham Gaine
<u>Prayer Hymn</u>	<i>Mother and God</i>	VU 280

We Go Forth to Serve

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.

* <u>Hymn</u>	<i>We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky</i>	MV 143
* <u>Benediction</u>		
<u>Postlude</u>	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!

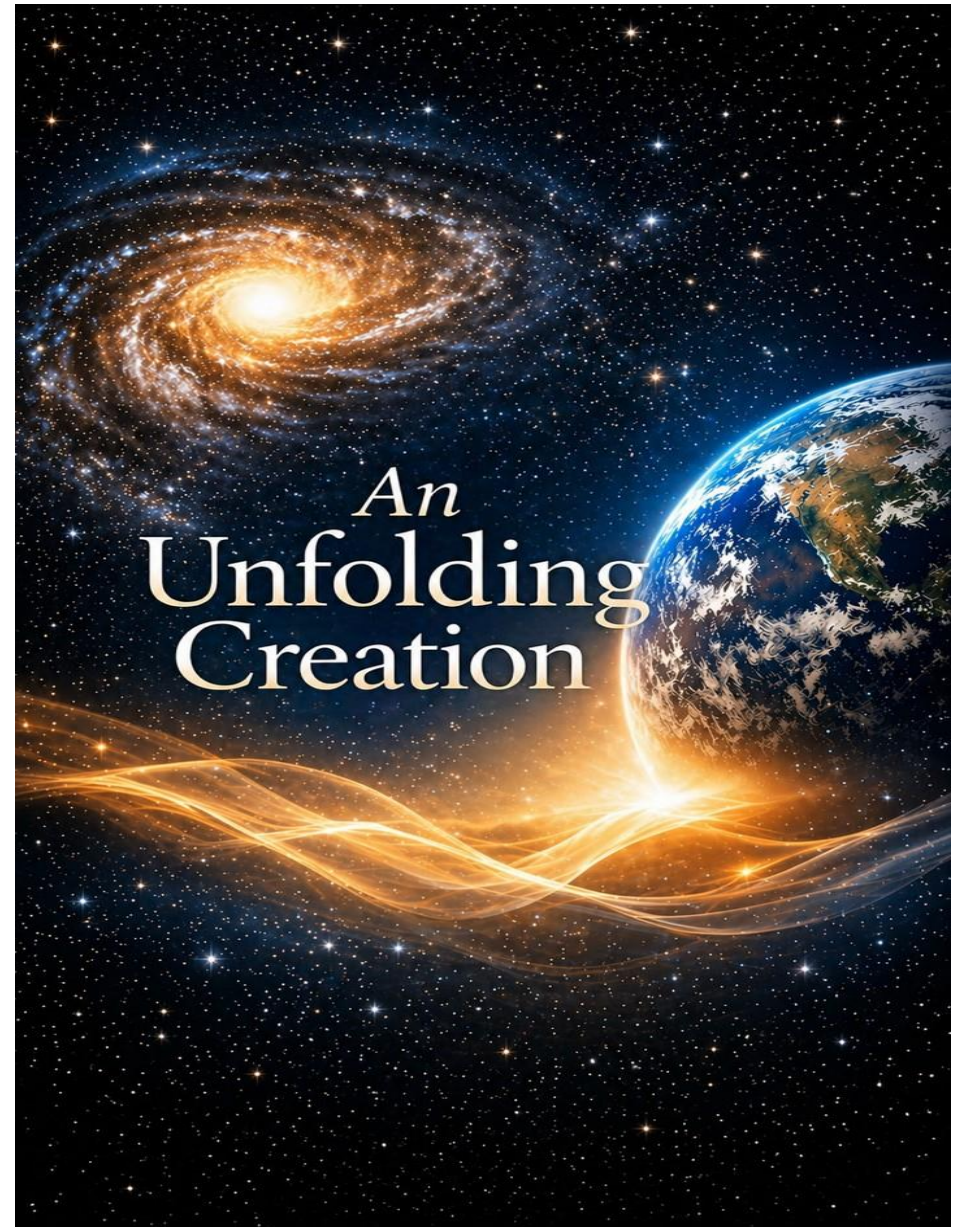
Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

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.

- **Young Family Event – May 24.** Pizza at church followed by swimming at Terwillegar Rec Centre. Please see details in the Announcements. RSVP by May 20.
 - **Worship in July is at St. Paul's United Church:** 11526 76 Ave.
 - **HUGE Thank You!** To everyone who helped with the RUC Garage Sale! Special Thanks to Holly Ruryk and Janet Pattison, Co-Coordinator. We raised \$7200 for the ministries of RUC!
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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?
All services can be found on the Riverbend United Church YouTube Channel.



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10:30 a.m.