



May 24, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit Spirit God, Be our Breath (vss. 1 and 4) MV 150

Call to Worship Christine Ens, Lay Leader

One: Spirit of life, you move among us like wind and fire.

All: Awaken us again to wonder, courage, and connection.

One: Across every language and every difference, you call us together.

All: Teach us to listen deeply and to walk wisely in this unfolding world.

One: Let us worship the holy presence moving through all life.

All: We gather with open hearts and awakened spirits.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, breath of life moving through creation, open us to one another and to the needs of this world. Give us wisdom deep enough for this moment in history, compassion broad enough to hold our differences, and courage to participate in the future with justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.

*Opening Hymn I Feel the Winds of God Today VU 625

Children's Time Alec Gallant

*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.

Graduate Recognition Alise Sevigny; (present)
Adam Hawrelak, Connor Bowhay and
Adair Ramsey Tilghman (in absentia)

Last week: Lukas Bucerius; Luke Nelson;
Asher Ammann

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading Micah 6: 6-8; Acts 2: 1-8, 12

Anthem

Reflection An Unfolding Creation 4 Rev. Valerie Oden
"What Shall We Become together?"

*Hymn of Response Touch the Earth Lightly (All verses) VU 307

We Share in Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn Spirit God, Be our Breath (vs. 2) MV 150

Silent, Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer VU 914

Prayer Hymn Spirit God, Be our Breath (vs. 3) MV 150

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment Christine Ens

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 *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* (vss 1, 2, 5) VU 380

*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!*

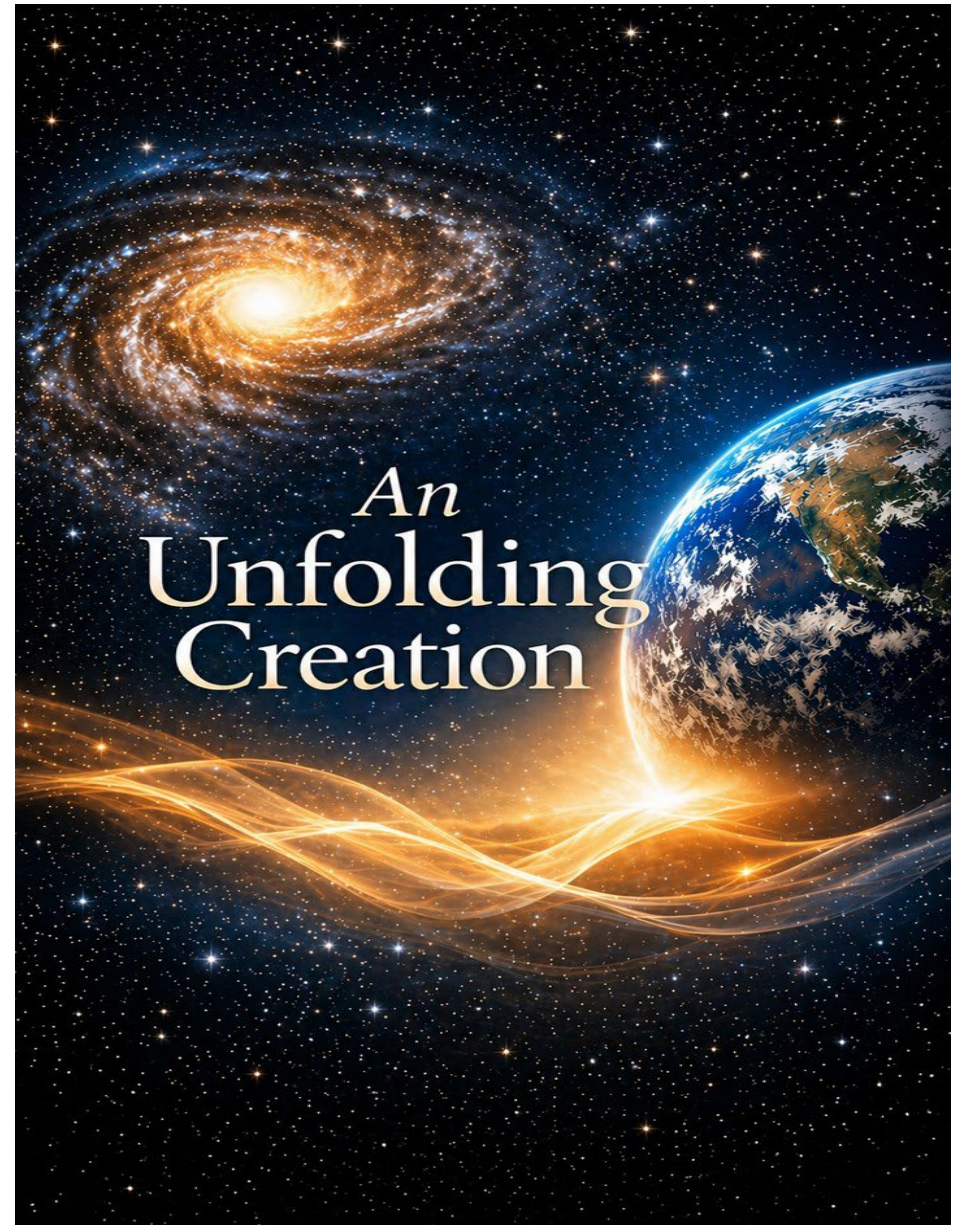
Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

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.

- **Young Family Event – Today – Pizza** at the church followed by swimming at Terwillegar Rec Centre.
 - **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** (Psalm 139)
Creation becoming aware—and entering wonder.
- May 24** **Humanity Becoming** (Pentecost Sunday)
What future can emerge through our shared choices?



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10:30 a.m.