



May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Randy Nelson

Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Land Acknowledgement

Doug Spaner

Introit

And on This Path

MV 8

Call to Worship

(Celebrate God's Presence, the United Church of Canada)

One: Hey! Sleepy-heads and Lazy-bones, live wires and hay-wires.

All: God has given us another day for joy and compassion.

One: God waits for our prayers and our singing hoorays.

All: So now, in Christly Spirit, let us worship.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

We feel your welcome, source of life.

**You welcome young and old,
all seeking peace, all seeking belonging.**

**You welcome newcomers and long-time members,
some resting in familiar tradition, some wanting a
surprisingly new celebration of faith.**

**You enfold us all in your grace, no matter what.
May we live your welcome to everyone we meet.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MV 30

Children's Time

Alec Gallant

Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Song

Little by Little

TLUS 134

*See screen for **alternate lyrics***

After this hymn, children K-5 and youth 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 Readings

Genesis 1:1-5, 26 - 2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20

Anthem

Let Your Whole Life Speak (rEvolve)

The Ensemble

Reflection

"Jesus' Last Words"

Kevin Guenther Trautwein

*Hymn of Response

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV 138

We Share in Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer, A Paraphrase

VU 916

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.

*Hymn

Go Make a Difference

MV 209

*Benediction

Postlude

The Ensemble

**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.

Please Note:

June 7 A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship to elect the Official Board. All are welcome.

June 14 is Holy Humour Sunday—sign up in the narthex by June 7 if you have something to share! 1 minute limit.

July Worship is at St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Ae. NW. They will join us at Riverbend in August.

Rev. Valerie will be on leave from June 15 – Sept. 7. Pastoral Care is in the capable hands of our Care Coordinator, Holly Ruryk, supported by the Care Team and neighbouring clergy on call. Contact the church office during this time if you are in need. The Spiritual Formation team have secured a slate of excellent worship leaders.

The new Summer Edition of the Front Pew RUC Newsletter is available in the narthex (foyer) or electronically: riverbendunited.org

Thank you to The Ensemble for leading our music today, with special thanks to Marv Severson and Doug Spaner for shepherding them.

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