



June 14, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude Kum Ba Yah (arr. J. F. Wilson) RUC Handbells
Alison Grant-Préville, Director

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Land Acknowledgement

Introit Make a Joyful Noise Psalm 100 (Refrain only) VU 820
(Sherry Steele- solo, then Choir, then Congregation)

Call to Worship Dawn Power, Lay Leader

One: Come before God with laughter!

All: **We come with grateful hearts.**

One: Laughter is a gift, and joy is holy.

All: **We gather to celebrate, to connect, and to worship
God with glad hearts.**

Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Holy God, you fill the world with opportunities for joy
and laughter:
the wagging of tails,
the playfulness of the young,
moments of silliness and delight.**

**Fill us with your joyful laughter,
that we may celebrate your presence
and the richness of life. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn Tell Me the Stories of Jesus vss. 1 - 3 VU 357

Children's Time Annika Schoenhardt
Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Song Jump for Joy (I Can Feel You Near Me) MV 48
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 wee ones.
They are also welcome to remain in worship.

*Passing the Peace

We Share in Prayer

Prayers of the People (Sharing our Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Hymn O God Hear our Prayer VU 948

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading Psalm 100 (Refrain 2) VU 824
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

Anthem

Time of Sharing: Holy Humour

*Hymn of Response Give to Us Laughter vss. 1, 2, 4 VU 624

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.

Special Music Three Acrobats (B. Radford) RUC Handbells

*Hymn *Let All Things Now Living* VU 242

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Give to Us Laughter* VU 624
(Reprise only: "Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha...")

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.

Join us in the **Connection Corner** for cookies and punch following worship!

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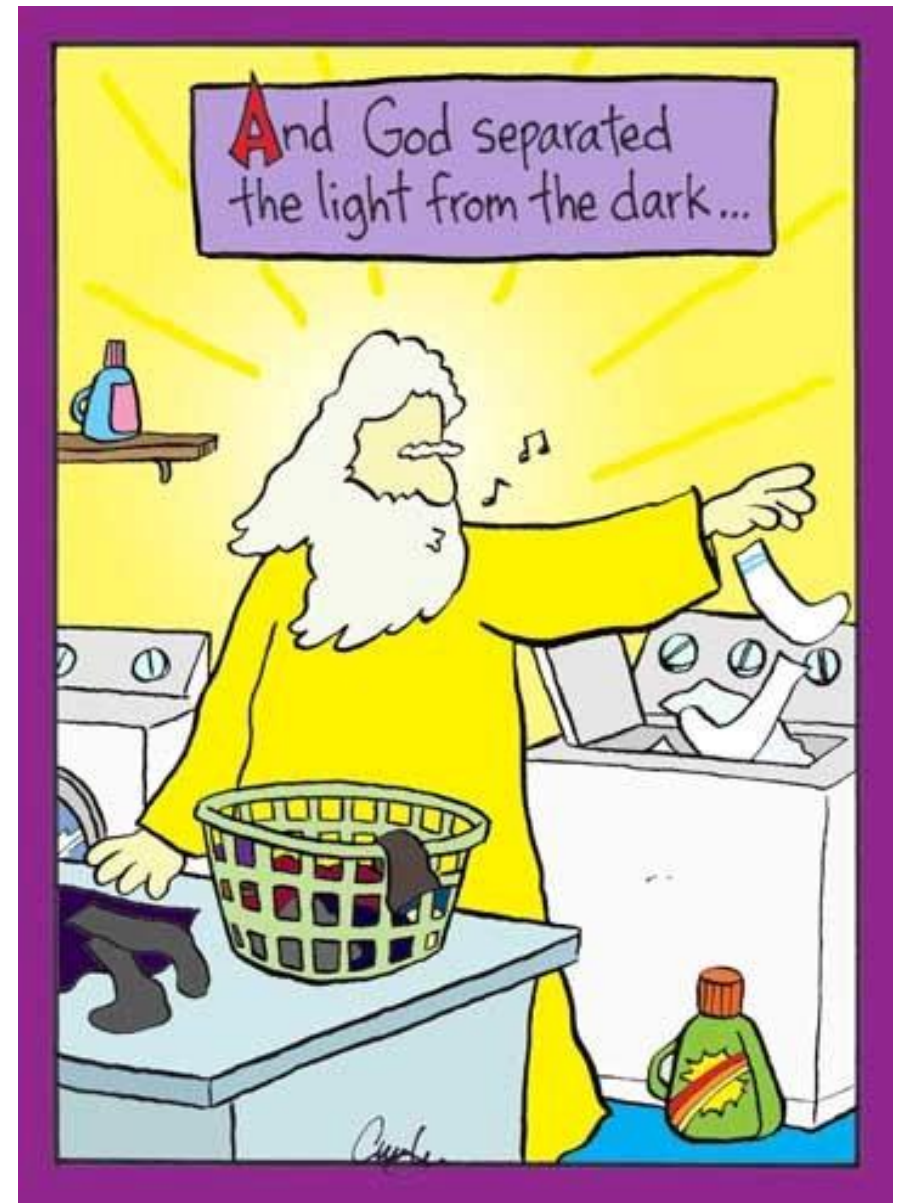
July Worship is at St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Avenue NW. They will join us at Riverbend in August.

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.

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**June 14, 2026
Holy Humour Sunday**

10:30 a.m.