



June 7, 2026

Communion Sunday / Pride Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome

Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit

Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1) VU 567

Call to Worship

Dawn Power

One: Will we follow him? *Really* follow him into love?

All: We gather here to recommit to the way of love lived by Jesus.

One: May we open our hearts, our minds, our lives, to the one who calls us to welcome our neighbours as we welcome Christ.

All: May this be a house of love, where all are welcome no matter what.

*Opening Hymn

Let Us Build a House vss. 1, 4, 5 MV 1

After this hymn, children grades K-6 can go downstairs. They will return for Communion. Youth can remain in worship today. Toddlers and infants are welcome in the Family Room (behind the piano) where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading

Psalm 33
Luke 10: 25-37

VU 760
Jill Spaner

Anthem

We Are a Rainbow (David Kai)

RUC Choir

Reflection

"The Parable of the Good Samaritan" Carolyn Miller
From *Revisiting the Parables* by Lisa López Smith

*Hymn of Response

For Everyone Born vss. 1, 3, 4 TLUS 23

We Pray Together

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

Silent, Personal Prayer

Prayer Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

We Share in Communion

Please see Insert

We Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to 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

Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

*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 UC Hymnal *Then Let Us Sing*

A Congregational Meeting follows worship to elect the Official Board. All are welcome.

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

We're glad you're here. If you're new with us, please 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.

Thank you to the Affirming Team for assisting in today's Pride Sunday worship service.

Thank you to Peggy Robinson for serving as our Communion Steward today. Peggy has also been changing our banners a lot recently for the Saturday weddings. We are grateful!

Notes:

- **June 14** is Holy Humour Sunday—sign up in the narthex by today if you have something to share! Come ready to laugh!
- **July Worship** is at St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Ave. 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



Riverbend United Church

Communion Sunday
Pride Sunday

June 7, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Communion Liturgy
Liturgy by Alydia Smith (adapted)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Though creation sometimes weeps,

we wait lovingly for you, Source of life.

You created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them:

you bring the snows in Winter and open flowers in Spring.

You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans,

and inside each grain of wheat.

Thank you for the wonders of creation.

Though humanity sometimes weeps,

we trust in you, Creator.

You lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend,

giving everyone around the world a sacred path to follow.

**Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples; we do
our best to faithfully share your love with all of creation and
bring your radical welcome to everyone we meet.**

SANCTUS (sung) *Holy, Holy, Holy* *More Voices 203*

In Jesus, love incarnate,

you provide us all we need for each day:

his words comfort the weary;

his actions challenge the contented;

his touch heals the sick;

his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.

In the way of Jesus and in his feast, you provide for us the
sustenance we need to respond to the cries of creation:

The bread of life nourishes our deprived bodies.

The cup of blessing revives our thirsty souls.

The gathered community strengthens our growing faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (sung)

More Voices 204

Though the church sometimes weeps,

we wait lovingly for you, God.

We join with our siblings around the world remembering the story:

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed,

he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it to his disciples saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all people for forgiveness.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Holy One, we remember and give thanks for your Child Jesus,

and we ask that you bless and pour your Spirit on us gathered here

and on these symbolic gifts of bread and cup.

May this broken bread be made whole in our taking.

May this full cup overflow in our sharing.

**With these symbolic elements, nourish and enliven us,
our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.**

Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

GREAT AMEN (sung)

More Voices 205

*All are welcome to Christ's table, no matter what. Please come forward
as you are able down the centre aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in
the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. The centre
serving station has only gluten free elements. If you prefer to be
served in your seat, lift a hand and the elements will be brought to you.*