Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

Sunday,
June 14, 2026

Join us for worship on **Sunday, June 14th** at 10:30 a.m., or click here for the live-streamed service.

Message from Rev. Valerie

June 12, 2026

Dear Friends,

"Come before God with laughter!" says the Psalmist.

This Sunday we are sharing in a time of Holy Humour. Many United Churches have followed an age-old tradition of having a Holy Humour Sunday, but this is the first time we've tried it. The tradition began through the thought that "God played a joke on death" by raising Christ from the tomb. We're doing it by way of remembering that our faith includes the whole of us, including our humour. Being whole people of God and whole selves includes being able to laugh!

We have a slate of people from the congregation who will be sharing humorous stories, (tasteful) jokes, and other sparks for our amusement. I hope you can join us for this likely memorable service of worship.

After the service, the Connection Corner will be open in the Narthex (foyer) with punch and cookies and fellowship.

I will be starting a Leave of Absence on Monday to spend time with my elder mom in Colorado. The services are well cared for, and we have clergy on call for funerals. Our Care Coordinator Holly Ruryk will continue tending to our pastoral care needs.

JULY services are at St. Paul's United Church: 11526 76 Ave NW.
They will join us here at Riverbend in August.

Have a blessed summer, friends,
Valerie

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please keep **Nathan Mills** in your prayers as he heals from surgery he had this week. Nathan is one of our young adults and tends our Audio Visual desk each week. He will return in the Fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week's Order of Service
- You can find this week's Announcements here
- For the Summer Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter, The Front Pew, click here