



**Sunday
August 16, 2026**

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Matthew Schoenhardt

Introit

We Gather As Christ's Body TLUS 155 vs 1 & 3

Call to Worship

One: Christ has Risen!

All: He has Risen indeed.

One: Let us give thanks and praise to the Risen Lord.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: May we honour the new Covenant God has made to us, his chosen people.

All: May God write her law upon our hearts.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Dear God, we come joyously before you to celebrate the risen Christ, and yet we are conflicted. Like the father begging for pity for his son, we ask for your Grace to overcome our disbelief. As with disciples we try to follow in your ways while longing for proof to quiet our inner doubts. Our hearts tremble in uncertainty, conflicted with a deep-seated longing for unfettered belief. Like the original disciples, let our doubts not prevent us from living our Calling. Through the Spirit, may our fears be sufficiently calmed and our doubts set aside so that we may willingly be your hands to demonstrate love, your feet to carry the burdens, and your voice speaking out for peace.
Amen**

Children's Time

*Opening Hymn

Lord of the Dance

VU 352

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:15-24

Mark 16: 9-17

John 20:19-20 & 24-26

Hymn

"Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU 166 vs 2 & 3

Reflection "It wasn't just Thomas" Matthew Schoenhardt

Hymn of Response

Thine is the Glory

VU 173

We Respond with our Prayers, our Gifts, our Lives

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn

Take, O Take Me As I Am

MV 85

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. 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.

*Closing Hymn I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161 Vs1,3,&4

*Benediction

*Musical Response

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU 155

Postlude

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**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“VU” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“MV” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

“TLUS” refers to *Then Let us Sing*

Children and Youth are invited to stay for the service. There is also a Family Room for wee ones behind the piano where a volunteer will assist parents and the service can be seen and heard.

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the pews if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities or receive a call from our minister.



Riverbend United Church
Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:30 a.m.