



Sunday, August 30, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude

Tyson Kerr

Call to Worship

May our first prayer be gratitude.
May our first song be awe.
May our first word be welcome.
May our first intention be love.
May the Spirit move.
Amen!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Hymn *God of the Sparrow*
ROEDER

VU 229

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, our prayer rises in the joy of the morning and the mix of our lives. We bring hope and sorrow and expectation and regret and worry - frankly the fullness of our lives. May the wisdom of the ages, the comfort of your congregation, the honesty of our souls, and the sanctuary of your grace be a blessing to us as we worship and a gift through us when we depart.

Children's Time

*Hymn

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky
LA GRANGE

MV 143

We Listen for God

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 *reject every kind of evil*

Reflection

"A love letter about evil"

Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

*Solo/Hymn

We wait for God

TLUS 57

OUR HOPE

Tyson Kerr, verse 1.

You are welcome to join in verses 2 to 4 or to listen.

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to 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.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught

Notre Père, Notre Mère
LAMBERT

TLUS 69

*Parting Hymn

My Soul Cries Out
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN (KINGSFOLD)

MV 120

*Benediction

*Postlude

Tyson Kerr

**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. If you are worshipping with us from St. Paul's United Church – welcome! 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.



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10:30 a.m.

