



**Sunday
August 9, 2026**

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Annika Schoenhardt

Introit *Dance with the Spirit* MV 156
Sung twice through

Call to Worship

One: When we face doubt and need courage,
All: We trust in God.
One: When the path ahead of us is unclear,
All: We trust in God.
One: When God feels absent,
All: We trust in God.
One: We may not know God's timing, or understand God's plan, but we trust in God.
All: God is always with us.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dear God, in our world that feels overwhelming and scary, it can be easy to let fear overshadow Your light and to have doubt overtake us. Open our eyes to see the path on which You lead us, and open our ears to listen for Your wisdom. Open our hearts to stand with courage and trust Your marvellous ways. May Your spirit enter in us with every breath and guide us with every step. Amen

*Opening Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* VU 374

Children's Time

Annika Schoenhardt

Children's Hymn *Like a Rock* (sung twice through) MV 92

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 VU 754
Esther 4: 12-16

*Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU 509

Reflection "For Such a Time as This" Annika Schoenhardt

Hymn of Response *Open My Eyes, That I May See* VU 371

We Respond with our Prayers, our Gifts, our Lives

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn *Spirit God, Be Our Breath* (vss. 1-3) MV 150

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VU 288
(Vs. 1 and refrain)

*Benediction

*Musical Response *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VU 884

Postlude Sherry Steele

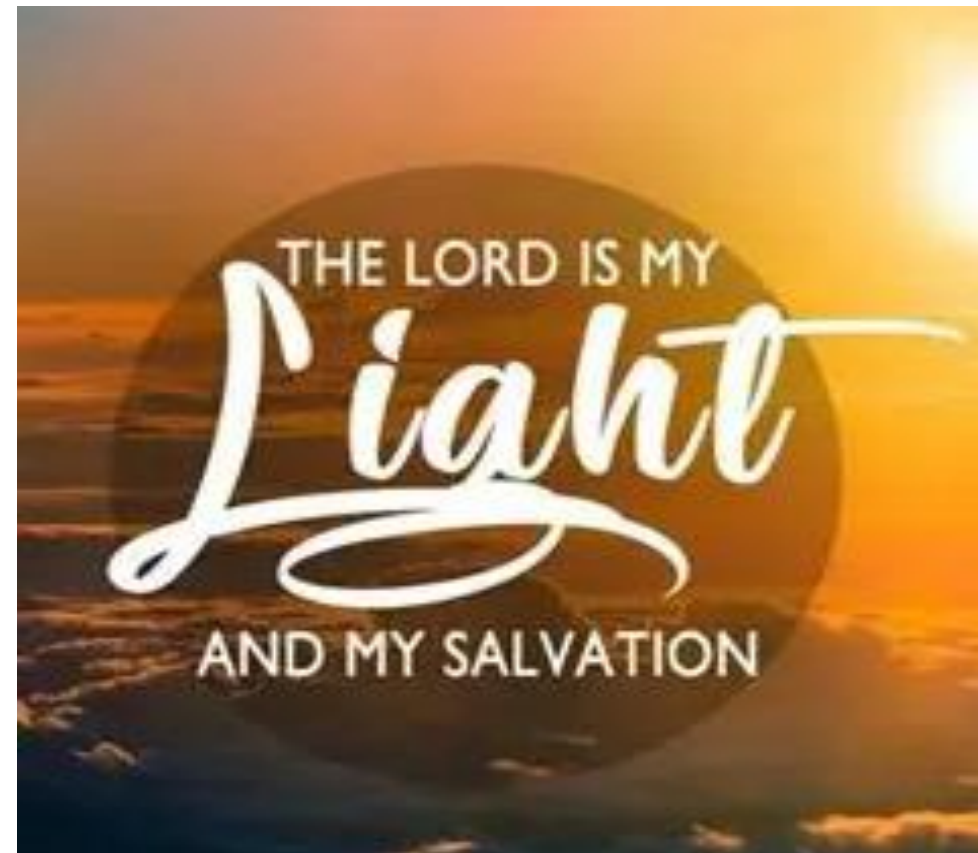
**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

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

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

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 worshipping with us from St. Paul's United Church we are glad you are here. If you are 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.



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10:30 a.m.