



September 20, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

I am Walking a Path of Peace MV 221
(... a path of Peace, then Grace)

Call to Worship

Connor Franke, Lay Reader

One: Come, you who have been here for a long time,
and you who have only just arrived.

All: We come with our questions, our gratitude, and our unfinished lives.

One: Come, for there is grace enough for us all.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Spirit of life, open our hearts to the abundance surrounding us. Help us to notice the beauty and goodness that meet us here—in the earth that sustains us, the people beside us, and the life we have been given. Open our hearts to wonder, gratitude, and joy. May we be filled here so we can go from this place offering your love to others. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth VU 226

Children's Time

Alec Gallant

*Children's Song

Lord Prepare Me MV 18

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145
Matthew 20: 1-16

VU 866

Anthem

Reflection

"Grace Beyond Measure" Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response

Spirit Open My Heart MV 79

We Respond with our Prayers, our Gifts, our Lives

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn

Oh Let Us Breathe vss. 1, 4, 5 TLUS! 72

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment

Connor Franke

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

We Are Pilgrims vss. 1-4 VU 595

*Benediction

*Musical Response

We Are Pilgrims vss. 5 and 6 VU 595

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*
"TLUS!" refers to *Then Let us Sing!*, the new UC hymnal

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 narthex (foyer) if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities or receive a call from our minister.

Community Connect Picnic – Next Sunday, September 27th after worship next door in Ramsey Park. Entirely free BBQ with old fashioned games, fellowship, fun. Bring a chair and a blanket and a friend and join us!

The Riverbend United Church Staff

Office Manager	Jacqueline Hunt
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Children's Ministry	Alec Gallant
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Audio Visual Lead	Rob Beghin
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Clergy	Rev. Valerie Oden

*In addition to the paid, accountable staff, there are **many** volunteers who do the consistent work of paid staff without the pay. Consider our Volunteer Facilities Manager, Don Trenn, or our worship slide creator, Carolyn Miller, or our Family Room Coordinator, Jill Spaner, and her host of volunteer nursery tenders, to name a few.*

*Thank you to **all** who serve our church in this way!*



Riverbend United Church is an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada. No matter what, you are welcome here!



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10:30 a.m.