



September 27th, 2026
Whole Community Worship
How Do We Fit?

Prelude Randy Nelson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit *Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives (refrain)* MV 6

Call to Worship Hebrews 10:24-25 adapted

One: Today, as we gather,
All: Let us encourage one another to love.
One: Today, as we gather,
All: Let us help one another to do good works.
One: Today, as we gather,
All: Let us support one another with words of hope.
One: Today, as we gather,
All: Let us not take for granted the gift of meeting and journeying in faith together.
One: As we come together; a welcoming community of faith,
All: May our hearts be open to each other and to God. Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, Creator of all, we come joyfully before you this morning, grateful that we can share this time of worship and fellowship in your presence. We gather, eager to weave threads of friendship and inclusion throughout our faith community. We know that Christ walks with us as we strive to be faithful disciples, living our lives showing compassion and love to everyone we meet. This prayer we offer in Christ's name. Amen.

Mission and Service Story

*Hymn *God of the Bible* MV 28

Book *Where Oliver Fits* by Cale Atkinson

*Hymn *I Am the Church, You are the Church* projected

Scripture Romans 12: 4-8
Colossians 3:12-17

Ensemble Anthem

Activity *Getting to Know You*

*Hymn *Grateful* MV 182

Reflection "A Way of Being" Carolyn Miller

*Hymn *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* MV 138

Prayers of the People

A New Creed VU 918

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.

*Hymn *One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639

*Blessing from Indigenous Day of Prayer 2023 —by Debbie Hubbard

Wherever we journey this week, let us be a message of justice and love.

Let us listen to the voices of others - especially those who are new to our table and spaces.

Let us encourage others with patience.

Let us live our life joyfully.

And as we leave this time and place, remember that we are called to bring justice, compassion and love to the world.

In this task, we are not alone. Amen

**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 the songbook found in the basket in the narthex
Then Let Us Sing!

**United Church of Canada
Mission & Service Fund**

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we would 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.

Your gifts to **Mission and Service** should be celebrated, and what better place than in worship. Mission and Service provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs, and emergency aid, both in Canada and globally.

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

