Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude — Sherry Steele

Welcome — Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit — *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* vs. 1 — VU 519

Land Acknowledgement (In Unison) — Albert Vette, Lay Leader

We acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and we respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

Call to Worship

One: Today we give thanks –

All: For the harvest of earth that feeds our bodies, for the nourishment of clean water and air, for the love of dear ones past and present, near and far.

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All: For the sorrow that digs out our wells, for the light that shines in the dark, for the challenges that grow us up, for the grace that swirls through the messiness of life. Today we give thanks.

Opening Prayer:

**God of eternal grace,
move us into gratitude -
not because of what we have,
but because we are yours;
not because of present blessing,
but because of your abiding presence.**

**Let our thanksgiving be expressed not only in feasting,
but in our sharing; not only in annual observance,
but in daily attitude.**

As we share in your feast today, may we honour you with our worship and our lives. Amen.

*Opening Hymn — *Come, You Thankful People Come* — VU 516
Verses 1, 2, 4

Children's Time — Alec Gallant

*Children's Song — *I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus* — MV 188
Verses 1, 3, 1

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading — Psalm 100 (Refrain 2) — VU 824
Luke 17: 11-19

Anthem — *A Thanksgiving Hodie*
Music by J. M. Martin and F. L. Sheppard
Words by J. M. Martin and M. D. Babcock

Reflection — "Gratitude Without Borders" — Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response — *For the Fruit of All Creation* — VU 227

We Share in Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn — *O God Hear Our Prayer* — VU 948

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer — VU 910

We Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the foyer. 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 *Let All Things Now Living* VU 242

*Benediction

Postlude

**Indicates you are invited to stand as able*

***VU** refers to the red hard bound hymnal, Voices United*
***MV** refers to the small spiral bound hymnal, More Voices*
***TLUS** refers to the new hymnal, Then Let Us Sing!*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

We're glad you're here. If you're new with us, feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pews and fill out a **Welcome Card** in the narthex (foyer) so we can get to know you. We send a weekly email with upcoming events and ministry highlights. All the church events are listed in weekly **Announcements** and the **Front Pew newsletter** by the front doors to the church.

The Fall Feast is coming Sunday, October 25th
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.
See Announcements for details.

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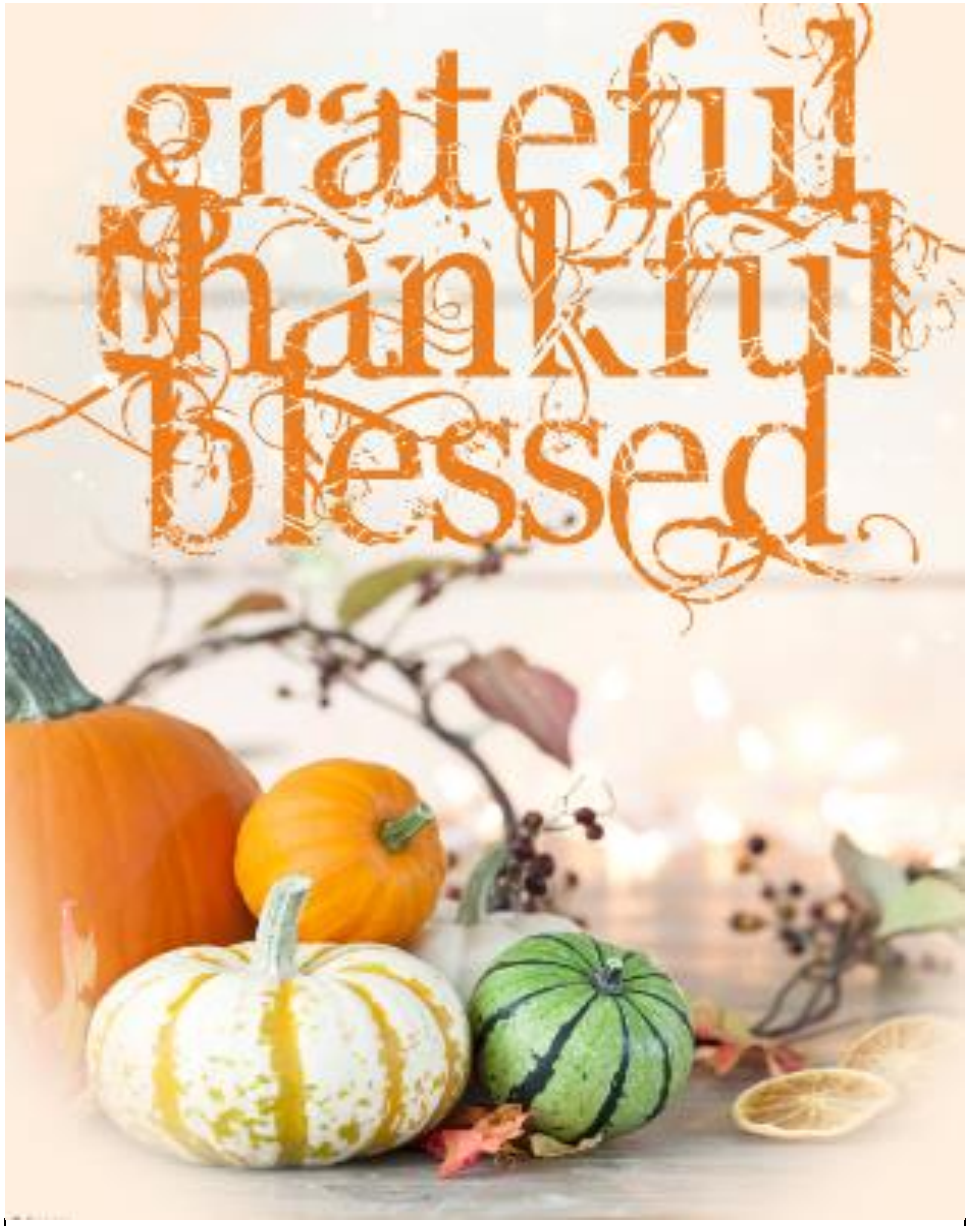

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