



October 25, 2026
Whole Community Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Open Our Hearts* MV 21

Call to Worship

One: We gather this morning as people of God.
All: We come seeking to be refreshed and renewed in God's holy presence.
 One: We come together, with our questions and concerns, seeking God's reassurance.
All: We come with open hearts and minds eager for our faith to be nourished.
Come, let us joyfully worship!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Creator God, we gather today as travelers on a journey of faith, yearning to connect more deeply with you and this community of faith. Yearning for a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus. May we feel your transforming power, O God, as you feed our minds, touch our souls and renew our spirits this day and always. Amen.

Mission and Service Story

*Hymn *Worship the Lord vss. 1,3,5* VU 401
(singing, praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son)

Scripture Parable of the Sower told in a *Godly Play* style

*Hymn *Soil of God, You and I* MV 174

Book *A Seed Grows* by Antoinette Portis

*Hymn: *This is the Day* MV 122

Scripture Mark 4: 30-34 Free Bible Images

Ensemble Anthem

Activity: Deepening Spiritual Roots

Hymn* *Little by Little (alternative lyrics)* TLUS 134

Reflection "Seeds of Faith" Carolyn Miller

*Hymn: *You Are Holy* MV 45

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer VU 910

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 *Like a Healing Stream* MV 144

*Benediction

**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!



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.



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