

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles	<i>*for those able, please stand</i>	
Centering Silence & Prayer		
Prelude	“Kumbaya”	
Words of Welcome	<i>This is the day that our God has made....let us rejoice and be glad in it</i>	
*Call to Worship & Advent Candle Lighting	We light God’s candle of hope	
*Opening Song	“My Lord! What a Morning” #537	
*Sharing God’s Peace		
Preparing Our Hearts		
Reading	“Drawing Near: A Blessing to Begin Advent” <i>Jan Richardson</i>	
Special Music	“Song of Hope” <i>Avishai Cohen</i>	
Reading	“Advent” <i>Pamela Cranston</i>	
Blessed to be a Blessing	<i>Janet & Leonard Wood</i>	
A Time of Offering & Announcements	God is good.... all the time ...and all the time... God is good	
Offertory	“Draw the Circle Wide” <i>Gordon Light</i> Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.	
Children’s Time	Star Child, earth Child, go-between of God. Love Child, Christ Child, heaven’s lightning rod: This year, this year let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!	
Bible Bits & Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Luke 21:25-36

Sermon	“On Earth, as it is in Heaven”
Silent Reflection	
Song of Response	“You are the Light” <i>Tom Fetke</i> You are the Light we see. You are the truth we know. You are the Life we live. You are the Hope. You are the Joy. You are the Song we sing.
A Time of Prayer	God in your grace ...Hear our prayers
*The Prayer of Jesus	Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.
*Closing Song	“Woke up This Morning” v 1: woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus v 2: singing and praising with my mind... v 3: walking and talking with my mind...
*Benediction	
*Congregational Response	“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” <i>Godspell</i>



Rev. Vicky Stifter, Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator
Diem Family, Advent Candle Litany
Kristin Warnock, Song Leader
Tim Mayer & Gospel Ensemble, Special Music
Karen Roof & Sandy Spellecy, Diaconate Team
Diana Beterbide, Pianist/Organist & Choir Director
Michelina Roth & Heather Nielsen, Readers
Kim Vogel & Stu Watson, Audio-Visual & Sound System



Welcome to Riverside Community Church.

United Church of Christ

We are blessed by your presence.

Bienvenidos a la iglesia Riverside. Su presencia es una bendición para nosotros.

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community of people who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus: loving our neighbors, doing justice and sharing the extravagant welcome of God with the whole of creation.

We are an “*Open and Affirming*” congregation—affirming the full inclusion of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons (LGBTQ+) in the church's life and ministry.

We are an “*Immigrant Welcoming*” congregation—called by our faith to stand together with our undocumented and documented immigrant brothers & sisters and their families.

We seek to honor and protect the gifts of God's creation--divesting our financial resources from the fossil fuel industry, reinvesting in renewable energy and striving to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Riverside's youth ministry team supports: Sunday School, a children's choir, teen groups, and Our Whole Lives (OWL)--a comprehensive human sexuality program. *Contact Youth Leader Katie Cook at 541.980.0505 or katie@riversideucc.com.*

Our Justice and Witness & Immigrant Welcoming teams promote engagement with the Warming Shelter, FISH Food Bank, Somos Uno, Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. *Contact Heather Nielsen at 541.400.0478 or heather@healthyconnectionsshr.com*

Our "Cheers" team offers care, comfort and meals to those with health, aging issues, new parenthood or other transitions. *Contact Pastor Vicky if you have a need: 541.386.1412 / pastor@riverssideucc.com*

More ways to connect, learn and feed the spirits of those of all ages: Men's Discussion Group, monthly book group, adult education classes and a Tuesday Bible study & reflection group. *Contact Doug Roof at 302.598.2741 or dwRooF17@gmail.com for more information.*

Riverside is one of more than 5,000 communities of faith that make up the “**United Church of Christ**” (UCC). The UCC has been on the cutting edge of justice movements in the U.S. since its work to abolish slavery in the 1800's.

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