

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Poetry Sunday

...
*for those able, please stand

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome
This is the day that our God has made....let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Call to Worship ***We Thank You for Each Moment***

*Opening Song "We Have Come" *Christopher Grundy* (see insert)

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Gift of Poetry "The Peace of Wild Things" *Wendell Berry*
Kathryn Murray

Gospel Ensemble "Let the Mothers Step Up" *Eric Bibb*

Gift of Poetry Excerpts from " A Book of Uncommon Prayer" *Brian Doyle*
Doug Roof

A Time of Offering & Announcements
God is good.....***all the time***...and all the time...***God is good***

Offertory "Everybody Be Yo'self" *Keb' Mo'*

Children's Time ***I am a child of God, nothing can shake my confidence;***
I am a child of God, no one can take my inheritance;
Never alone I'll stand, strengthened by God's own hand,
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.

Gift of Poetry "The Moment" *Margaret Atwood*
"Holy the Firm" Excerpt, *Annie Dillard*
Keith Harding

Special Music "Healing Time On Earth" *John Denver*

Gift of Poetry "The Hill We Climb" *Amanda Gorman*
Kim Humann

A Time of Prayer God in Your Grace ***Hear Our Prayers***

*The Prayer of Jesus *As created by Riverside's "Greatest Prayer Reflection Group"*

O Giver of all life, clear a space within us for your light to dwell. Create your holy reign of justice and love here today, on Earth, through our fiery hearts and willing hands. Give us the bread and strength we need for this day. Forgive us the harm that we do to all that you love, as we forgive those who harm us. And lead us not into numbness, distraction, or greed, but bring us back from our fears. For You are the source of all that is good and holy—now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Song "Siyahamba"

We are singing in the light of God....(marching, praying, loving)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"



Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Musicians:
Kirsten Warnock, Paul Thompson, John Boonstra, Karen Harding
Tim Mayer | Piano | Gospel Ensemble
Ann Becker | Reader
Donna McCoy & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Kim Vogel | Audio-Visual & Sound System
Donna McCoy & James Holloway | Hospitality



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*

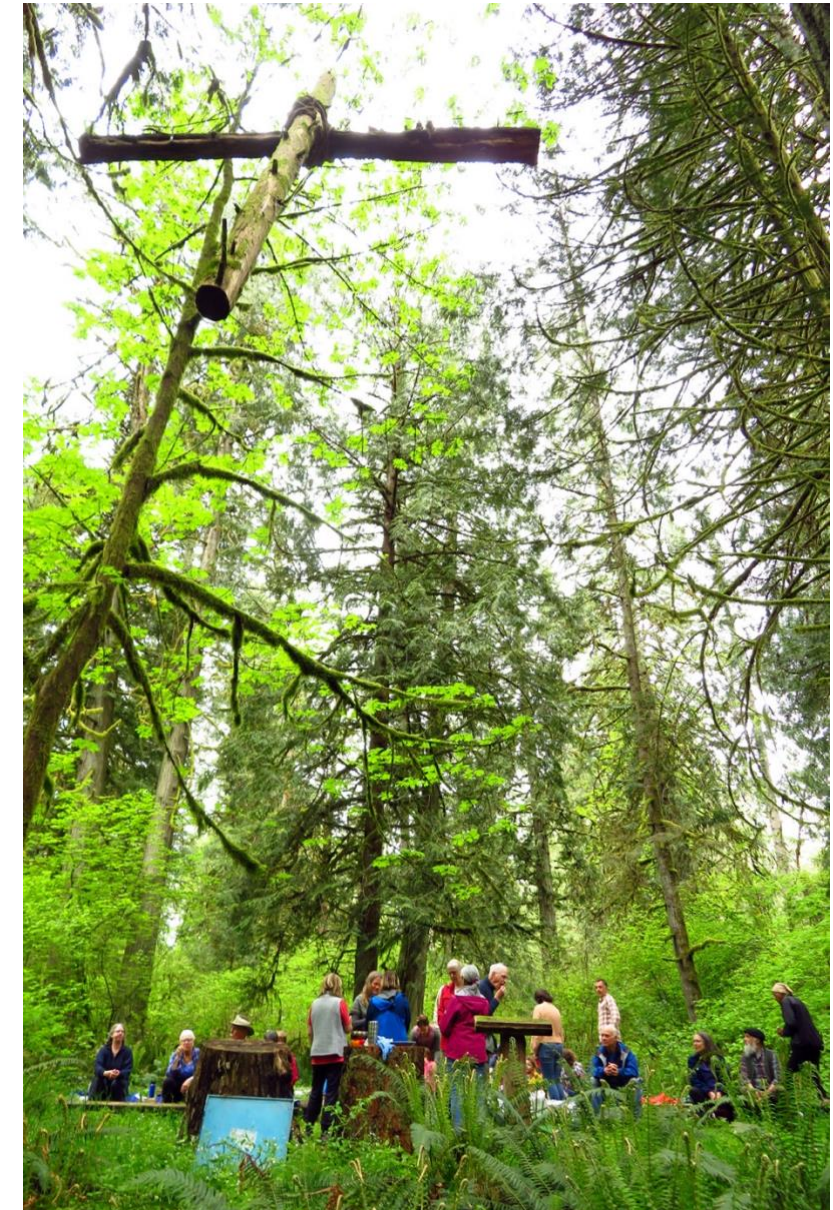
Our "Cheers" team offers care, comfort and meals to those with health, aging issues, new parenthood or other transitions. *Contact Pastor Vicky if you have a need: 541.386.1412 / pastor@riverssideucc.com*

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 office@riversideucc.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.

*For more information about Riverside
contact the church office at 541-386-1412 OR office@riversideucc.com
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