

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "All Creatures of our God and King" *Hustad*

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

*Opening Song "This is the Day" #652

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading "Follow Me" *Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Choral Anthem "My Hope Is In You" *Schram*

A Time of Offering & Announcements
God is good....**all the time**...and all the time...**God is good**
Today's Pockets of Plenty offering will help cover costs of materials for the eight handmade quilts to be presented on May 21st to our graduating seniors.

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, a child of God***

Bible Bits & Scripture Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon "Two Simple Words"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Here are our Hearts"

Here are our hearts. Here are our hands. Here are our lives, use them as You can. Show us those who hurt. Show us those in need. Show us how to serve. Teach us how to see.

A Time of Prayer *God in your grace...hear our prayer*

*The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, You 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 "The Trees of the Field" #710

*Benediction

Choral Response "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (#709)

WELCOME!

VISITORS We are blessed to worship with you today. Thank you for the gift of your presence. We invite you to fill out a "welcome card" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Vicky.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children at Riverside. Those birth-age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs inside the Fireside Room and available 10:15 am until noon. Those 5 + are invited to join Katie for Sunday School after Children's Time.

TODAY& THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Today: All are encouraged to stay for lunch & Riverside's Annual Meeting. Your presence is valuable as we celebrate, connect & make important decisions for 2023. Child care available.

Tuesday: Bible study with Pastor Vicky meets 10:30 – 11:30 am at Down Manor.

Wednesday: Contemplative Prayer Group meets 3:30 – 4:30 pm in the Ruth Wells Room. Chancel Choir practice at 7:00 pm with Diana Beterbide.

WILD SPIRITUALITY – Registration is now open for a workshop with Victoria Looz, author of Church of the Wild; on February 25. Information available in the Riverview Room.

TAI CHI EASY In the Fireside Room from 9:30-10:10 on Sunday mornings. A gentle, meditative spiritual practice for those of all ages and body types. No experience necessary.

Rev. Vicky Stiffer, Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Alison Betzing & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Jeannie & Steve Chance | Readers
Ann Becker & Elaine Johnson | Hospitality
Michele Beaman | Audio Visual & Sound System



Welcome to Riverside Community Church.

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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.

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

. . . 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, 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*

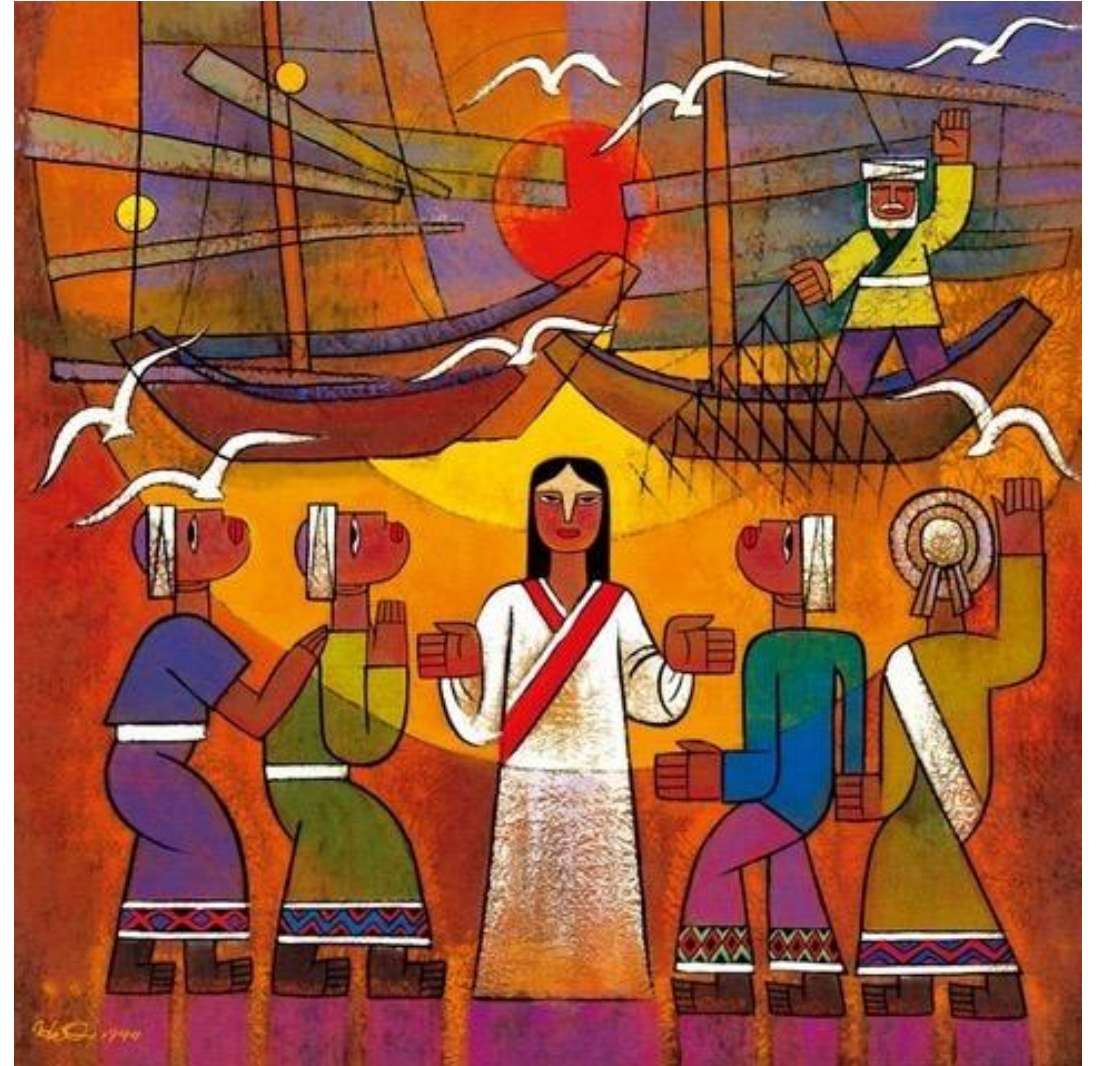
Our "Cheers" team offers care, comfort and meals to those with health, aging issues, new parenthood or other transitions. *Contact Pastor Vicky if you have a need: 541.386.1412 / pastor@riverssideucc.com*

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 office@riversideucc.com or call 541.386.1412 for more information.*

Keep up on what's happening! Sign up for our weekly online newsletter, The Current, by contacting editor Kathy Watson, kathy@watsonx2.com. Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

On the Web: Riverside's web site, www.riversideucc.com, includes: a calendar of all events, the most recent Current newsletters, a way to give electronically, and everything about the life of our congregation.

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 the United Church of Christ visit <http://www.ucc.org>



“Jesus Calls His Disciples” by He Qi

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Sunday, January 22, 2023