



**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!*

*Opening Song

*“I Woke Up This Morning With My Mind
Stayed on Freedom” Rev. Robert Wesby*

*Woke up this morning with my mind
stayed on freedom...(3x)
Hallelu (hallelu) Hallelu (hallelu) Hallelujah*

*I'm walking and talking with my mind
stayed on freedom...(3x)*

*I'm singing and praying with my mind
stayed on freedom... (3x)*

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading “One Day”
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gospel Ensemble

Reading “The Drum Major Instinct”
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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

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.***

Bible Bits & Scripture Psalm 139:1-18
John 1:43-51

Sermon “Come and See”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response 2x
***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 Prayers***

*The Prayer of Jesus *New Zealand Prayer Book*

***Eternal Spirit, Earthmaker, Pain bearer, Life giver, Source
of all that shall be. Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven; May the hallowing of your
name echo through the Universe!***

***May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of
the world!***

***May your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and may it come on earth.***

***With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us.***

***In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.***

From the grip that is evil, free us.

***For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen.***

*Closing Song

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” #729

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Amen”
African American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Kristen Daly | Nursery Care
Kristen Warnock | Music Minister
Tim Mayer, Pianist & Gospel Ensemble Director | Paul Thompson | Bass
Steve & Jeannie Chance, Karen Roof & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate
Steve Chance & Carolyn Welty Fick | Readers
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System
Janet & Leonard Wood | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church
United Church of Christ

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 after the service.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children of all ages at Riverside. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children’s Time. Those birth-age 4 are invited to the nursery, located in the Fireside Room from 10:15 am – 12 noon.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE

Today. All are welcome after worship for coffee & conversation in the Riverview Room.

Tuesday. Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM
Circles of Solace 5:30 PM

Wednesday. Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir
Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Next Sunday. Rev. John Boonstra, guest preacher. Pockets of Plenty offering for FISH food bank.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION: JANUARY 15

Riverside will host a community-wide celebration, of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Come at 3:30 to rehearse with the Community Gospel Choir.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. JANUARY 28 AT NOON

All Riverside members and friends are invited to participate as we recognize and celebrate our ministry in 2023 and make important decisions for the year ahead. Topics include leadership, budget, bylaws, and the upcoming Capital Campaign “*Lighting the Way*”.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for David Warnock will be held February 17 at 2 PM and for Helmut Riedel on February 24 at 2 PM.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AWARD There’s still time to submit your nomination to honor a friend or member of RCC for their Christian witness of service to neighbor. Forms are available in the Riverview Room.

Riverside is blessed by your presence.

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 reducing 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 katie@riversideucc.com.*

Our Justice and Witness team promotes engagement with the Warming Shelter, FISH Food Bank, Somos Uno, Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. *Contact Ann Harris at harris.annj@gmail.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: 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 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>

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“Tara - Beauty4AshesArt”

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Sunday, January 14, 2024