



**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled”
Paxton

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song “Gather Us In” #649

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading “Hymn for the Healing”
Amanda Gorman

Choral Anthem “Glow” *Eric Whitacre*

Reading “The Healing That Comes”
Jan Richardson

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 Mark 1:21-28

Sermon “Wrestling with the Demons”

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 *As created by Riverside's
'Greatest Prayer' study 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
“Healer of Our Every Ill” #630

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Celtic Alleluia”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Diana Beterbide, Pianist, Organist, Chancel Choir Director
Kristen Warnock | Music Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Coordinator & Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Ann Becker, Alison Betzing & Bill Light | Diaconate Team
Charissa Callison & Kathryn Murray | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Steve & Jeannie Chance | 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 Riverside’s Annual Meeting & Lunch. Childcare available.

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

Thursday. Finance & Development Board meets 9:00 AM

Next Sunday. Tim Mayer and the Gospel Ensemble. Rehearsal at 9:15 “Agape Feast” with our friends at Bethel & Spirit of Grace at 1:00 p.m. at the FISH community room. The potluck will be a celebration of our congregational commitments to be “Open and Affirming” communities of faith. Can you make it? If so, please RSVP to pastor@riversideucc.com.

INQUIRER’S GATHERING. Interested in learning more about Riverside? Soup dinner provided. Friday, Jan 31st at 5:30 PM. Sign up with Pastor Vicky today.

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA All those seeking peace with justice are invited to interfaith actions on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. 2nd & State streets in downtown Hood River. All ages welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for David Warnock February 17 at 2 PM and for Helmut Riedl on February 24 at 2 PM.

The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery During Lent, we’ll explore the themes of this powerful book. Event kicks off with a conversation with the author via zoom on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Contact pastor@riversideucc.com.

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>

For more information about Riverside
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“Healing Hands” Olaoluwa Smith

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