



*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"  
*Setting by Ore*

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

\*Opening Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #319

\*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading "You Too Can Awake Like That"  
*Chelan Harkin*

Choral Anthem "Give Thanks to the Lord"  
*McDonald*

Reading "Transfiguration"  
*Steve Garnass-Holmes*

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 support CASA  
in its advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected  
children and youth.*

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 9:2-9

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Transfigure Me"  
*Christopher Gundy*  
***Transfigure me so that I might be more like Jesus,  
more like Jesus.  
Transfigure me so that I might be more like Jesus,  
Jesus my light.***

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 "Be Thou My Vision" #502

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

***We are singing for our God is our light,  
we are singing for our God is our light. 2x***

***We are singing oh, we are singing oh,  
We are singing for our God is our light.***

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator & Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Kristen Warnock | Music Minister  
Diana Beterbide | Pianist, Organist & Chancel Choir Director  
Sharon Scott, Bill Light & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team  
Gail Lyon & Frank Haskell | Readers  
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Gail Lyon & Kitsy Stanley | 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 to age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs 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. Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room at 12:10.

**Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM

**Wednesday.** Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM.

**Thursday.** Book Group meets at 10:30 a.m. to discuss “Take My Hand” by Dolan Perkins-Valdez.

GEM meeting at noon at the Rockford Grange, Ann Harris speaks on Black Lives Matter.

**Sunday.** Informational gathering for Capital Campaign: *Lighting the Way* in the Riverview Room after worship.

**COMMUNITY ACTION FOR PEACE** On Fridays at 4:30, justice seekers of all ages are invited to join interfaith gatherings for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. We seek to create a world where the children of Palestine *and* Israel can flourish. 2nd and State streets in downtown Hood River.

**LENTON BOOK STUDY** “*The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*” by Sarah Augustine. Please contact pastor@riversideucc.com to join the discussion group.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES:** David Warnock Feb 17 at 2 PM; Gregory Gilbertson Feb 22 at 5 PM; Helmut Riedel Feb 24 at 2 PM

***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@watsonx2.com). Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC.

On the Web: Riverside’s web site, [www.riversideucc.com](http://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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*“Transfiguration” Dihra Lawrence*

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