



**for those able, please stand*

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

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” #477

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Scripture Psalm 19 vs 1-6, 14

Choral Anthem *“Come and Feast” Dengler*

Lighting the Way *Joellen Bingener*

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 John 2:13 - 22

Sermon *“Holy Anger”*

Silent Reflection

Song of Response *“One Voice”
Wailin’ Jennys*

Holy Communion

*This is Christ’s table and all are welcome. Please come
forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.
If you would like to remain seated, raise your hand and
we will gladly come to you.*



A Time of Prayer

*“Leaning In” Christopher Grundy
God in your grace... Hear Our Prayers*

**The Prayer of Jesus (as created at Riverside by
members of Riverside’s “Greatest Prayer” group)*

*Most Holy Creator: Your name is more precious
than all the songs of the birds; Let your spirit
enter the hearts of all. Let us find joy
in the forces of your creation.
Provide us with potatoes from the ground and
honey from the hive. And grant us peace from the
evil we do and the evil done unto us.
And show us the path of healing.
For only through you can the sun shine, the water
flow and the wind blow. Amen.*

*Closing Song

*“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
#644 verses 1 & 4*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *“Go with Us, Lord”*

Reverend Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ and Chancel Choir Director
Kristen Warnock | Music Minister & Maza Brady & Lauren Gray | Vocalists
Liz Barteld & Alison Betzing | Diaconate Team
Steve Chance | Reader
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Alison Betzing & Betty Shalhope | 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.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE

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

- Informational session for “*Lighting the Way*” Capital Campaign in the Riverview Room.

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

Wednesday. Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM.

Thursday. “*Lighting the Way*” information session at 5:30 pm in the Riverview Room. If interested, please contact Karen at KarenRoof17@gmail.com.

Sunday. Guest Preacher Rev. Patricia Mitchell.

OUT OF OFFICE Pastor Vicky will be away March 4 – 11. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Kathryn in the office at 541.386-1412.

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR PEACE Join us for an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Fridays at 2nd and State Street, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME. If you have previously participated in an Inquirer’s Gathering and would like to become a member of RCC on March 17, please contact Pastor Vicky at pastor@riversideucc.com.

PLASTIC RECYCLING SUNDAY! Next opportunity is March 17th.

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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A Time of Stillness

During this holy season of Lent, you are invited to dwell in the peace and stillness of the sanctuary prior to the start of the worship service. If you would like to engage in conversation, you are welcome to use the Riverview Room.



“The Best Supper” Jan Richardson

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Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, MARCH 3, 2024