

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 14, 2024



**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Toccata in e minor” *Pachelbel*

Words of Welcome

This is the Day that our God Has Made . . .
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Opening Song

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” #480

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading

“Kindness” *Naomi Shibab Nye*

A Time of Giving Thanks

Choral Anthem “Consider the Lillies”

Roger Hoffman

Lighting the Way

Kim Vogel

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 Luke 24:13-43

Sermon “Burning Hearts”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Alleluia” #316 (*verse one, 2x*)

A Time of Prayer

*God in your grace... **Hear Our Prayers***

*The Prayer of Jesus

Celtic Mass for Peace, J. Phillip Newell

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be ours, our longings in heart and action. May there be food for the human family today, for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Song “Healer of Our Every Ill” # 630

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Steve Chance | Youth Program Volunteer | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Kristen Warnock | Guitar & Vocals
Ann Becker, Donna McCoy & Betty Shalhope | Diaconate Team
Bonnie New & Kathryn Murray | Readers
Joellen & Eric Bingener, Sandy Spellecy | Hospitality
Tom Hackett | Audio-Visual & Sound System

Welcome to Riverside Community Church

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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 Steve Chance 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.
- Informational session on RCC’s proposed Peace and Ceasefire Resolution.
- Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room at 12:10 PM.
- **Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM.
- **Wednesday.** Meditation 3:30 – 4:30 Ruth Wells Room
Circles of Solace 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- **Thursday.** Book group meets at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Roof.
- **Sunday.** Commitment Sunday - Final day to submit *Letter of Intent* for contributing to the Capital Campaign.
- Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal at 9:15 AM
- Pockets of Plenty offering for “Gorge Ecology Outdoors”.

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Lighting the Way If you have not yet received your packet, please see Judie Mohar in the Riverview Room after worship. Please mark your calendars for ‘Celebration Sunday’ during and after worship on April 28.

GORGE SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT. Remember to bring plastics on the 3rd Sunday of the month - April 21st. Riverside is now accepting ALL plastic #'s and types!

BOND MEASURE. Learn more about the bond & levy measures. Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation District hosts an information night on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the Riverview Room. All are welcome.



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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 Ann Harris at 541-806-2525 or 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: 541-38-1412 / 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@hungerchronicles.com Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

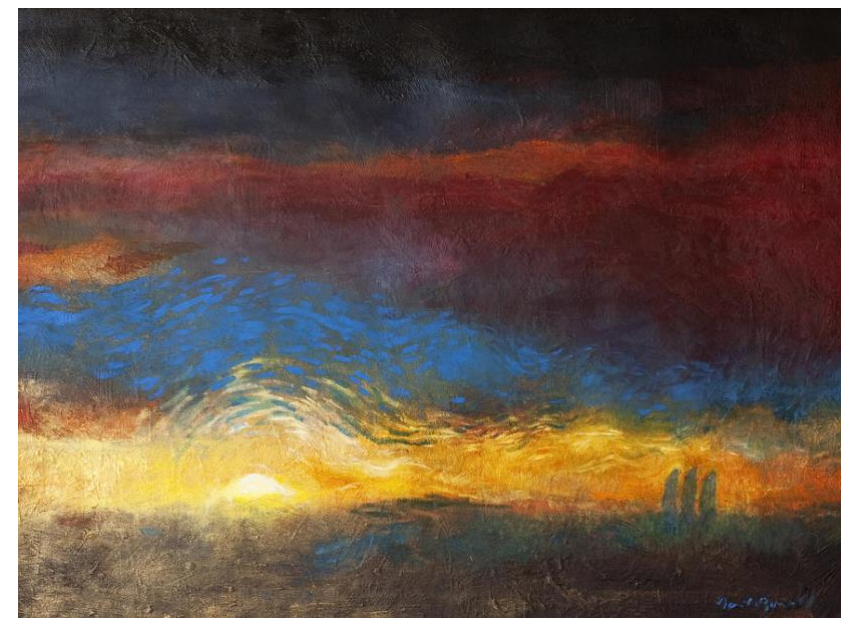
On the Web: Riverside’s web site, www.riversideucc.com, includes: a calendar of all events, the most recent Current newsletters, a way to give electronically, and everything about the life of our congregation.

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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“The Road to Emmaus” Daniel Bonnell

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