

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 12, 2024

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven, arr. Howard Helvey

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "Intermezzo", Opus 118 #2,

Johannes Brahms

Words of Welcome

This is the Day that our God Has Made . . .

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Opening Song "This is the Day" #652

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading "Mother's Day Proclamation "

Julia Ward Howe

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" *Malotte*

Reading "If Mothers Ruled the World"

(excerpt) Chelan Harkin

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

God is good....***all the time...***

and all the time...***God is good!***

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andre Crouch, arr. Bill Wolaver

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 Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon & Litany of Holy Women

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Gloria, Gloria" #240 2x

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 "In Christ There is No East or West" #600 v. 1,2 & 5

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
David Kelly | Piano Jo Herring | Soloist
Ann Becker, Karen Harding, Ann Harris,
Beth Hartwell, Heather Lytle, Sandy Spellecy | Litany of Holy Women
Alan Miers and Ruby & Alison Betzing | Diaconate
Ann Harris, Beth Hartwell & Frank Haskell | Readers
Susan Cook, Mary Ellen Holmes & Donna McCoy | Hospitality
Tom Hackett | Audio-Visual System

Welcome to Riverside Community Church

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GUESTS 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 in the Riverview Room for coffee, and conversation. Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room at 12:10.
- **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.
- **Sunday.** Justice & Witness meets at 9:00 a.m.. Gospel Ensemble rehearsal at 9:15. **Plastics Recycling.**
Pentecost Sunday – wear Red!

NOT IN OUR NAME “Why Jews join Palestinians in saying free Palestine!” Presentation and discussion with representatives from the Portland chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace. All are welcome. Riverview Room Thurs., May 16th 6:30 – 8 PM.

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.

CARPET REPLACEMENT. The sanctuary will be closed and under maintenance while new carpet is installed! May 20 – 25th.

DRUMMING with Clayton Miles Have an interest in learning how to drum? Thursday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. at Riverside. \$35 per person. Contact stu@watsonx2.com to register.

CPR TRAINING. As part of Riverside’s Disaster Preparedness Plan,, Riverside’s Building & Maintenance team is planning a CPR and first aid training class at the Odell Fire Station Sat, June 22nd 8 am – 1 pm. \$60 fee includes certification. To register, please contact 541-380-1720 donna.mccoey@hotmail.com or.



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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 contact the church office at 541-386-1412 OR office@riversideucc.com or visit www.riversideucc.com

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“Birthing the Vision” Doris Klein

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