

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Be Thou My Vision”

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

***Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!***

\*Call to Worship *adapted from John van deLaar*

God of Grace and Mercy,  
Money talks and power makes the world go around,  
or so they would have us believe;  
And we, forgetting that other voice,  
join the march in hopes that we may find a place  
among the rich and strong.

***We release all we have been clinging to  
and open our hearts to you. Our anxieties, our hopes,  
our possessions,  
we lay in your hands.***

Thank you for the voice of your love  
that keeps singing of the power in vulnerability,  
the wealth in simplicity,  
and the freedom and safety that is found  
in walking your humble, serving way.

***We come to worship you in gratitude for your gift of  
grace. Amen***

\*Opening Song “The Gift of Love” #397

\*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “The Call of Compassion”

*John van deLaar*

Choral Anthem

“Come, Great Deliverer, Come”

*Glass*

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*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.***

Scripture

Mark 10: 17-31 “The Message”

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response *by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette-see insert)*

A Time of Prayer

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

\*The Prayer of Jesus *(see insert)*

\*Closing Song “Give Thanks” #359

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Go With Us, Lord”

Rev. Patricia Mitchell | Guest Preacher  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide | Chancel Choir Director, Piano & Organ  
Betty Shalhope, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Diaconate Team  
Anna Diem | Reader  
Joellen & Eric Bingener & Anna Diem | 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 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 AT RIVERSIDE:

**Today.** All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee, conversation & farewell wishes for Patricia’s departure. Camp Adams Registration available. Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

#### **Wednesday.**

- Bible Study & Reflection at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM
- Meditation in the Ruth Wells Room - 3:30 PM
- OWL - Riverview & Fireside Rooms - 6:45-8:30 PM
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Thursday.** Book Group meets 10:30 am at the home of Karen Roof to review *‘Solito’(meaning alone)* by Javier Zamora.

**Friday.** Community Action for a Cease Fire in Gaza. 2<sup>nd</sup> & State Street. 5-5:30 PM.

**NEXT SUNDAY.** Pastor Vicky preaching. Music by Tim Mayer & Friends. Plastic recycling – bring all #’s clean and sorted!

**“BAD FAITH: Christian Nationalism’s Unholy War on Democracy“**  
Thurs Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Riverview Room. Donations accepted.

**NATIVE AMERICAN TRUNK OR TREAT** Oct. 23 & 24. For details to help, please contact Beth: at hrbethhart@gmail.com.

**RIVERSIDE’S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!** *“All You Need is Love”*  
Sat., Oct. 19 4 – 8 PM. A few seats remain and free children’s activities! Contact office@riversideucc.com for tickets.

**INQUIRER’S GATHERING. OCT 26** New to Riverside and curious to connect with others? Please join Pastor Vicky and Moderator Doug Roof on October 26 from 9:30-noon. RSVP to learn more: [pastor@riversideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riversideucc.com).



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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 gay, lesbian, bisexual 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 siblings 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](mailto: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 Jeannie Chance at (541) 806-6648 or [stjechance@gmail.com](mailto:stjechance@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: 541-386-1412 / [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) 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](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.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>

For more information about Riverside contact the church office at 541-386-1412 OR [office@riversideucc.com](mailto:office@riversideucc.com) or visit [www.riversideucc.com](http://www.riversideucc.com)

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