

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Holy Spirit Come to Us” *Jacques Berthier*
**Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us**

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

*Opening Song “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
#326 Verses 1 & 2

*Sharing God’s Peace “Weave” *Rosemary Crow*
**Weave. Weave, Weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave. Weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love**

Preparing Our Hearts

Gift of Poetry “The Road Not Taken” *Robert Frost*
Kim Vogel

Special Music “Hallelujah” *MaMuse*
Sung by Beth Hartwell, Karen Harding, Kristen Warnock

Gift of Poetry “Spirit” *Andrea Skevington*
Kathy Watson

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.***

Bible Bits & Scripture John 3:1-8

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Spirit of the Living God”
#492 verse 1 (2x)

Gifts of Poetry “To Be Happy” *Pope Francis*
Deanna McLaughlin

“Is God Real” *Author Unknown*
Darren Tillison

A Time of Prayer

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

*The Prayer of Jesus *Celtic Mass for Peace*

***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 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
#326 Verses 3 & 4

*Benediction

*Congregational Response
“Amen” *African-American Spiritual*

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Tertia King | Nursery Care Volunteer
Kristen Warnock | Music
Elaine Johnson, Alison & Ruby Betzing | Diaconate
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.
- **Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM.
- **Wednesday.** Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room
- **Sunday.** Holy Communion. Music by David Kelly. Pronoun discussion with Ann Harris in Riverview Room.

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.

LET’S TALK MUSIC! All are invited to participate in a discussion about Riverside’s Music Ministry. Two sessions will be held on June 5th 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. Zoom may be available for evening session. If zoom option is of interest, please contact pastor@riversideucc.com.

PHOTOS for RCC DIRECTORY. We’re updating our directory! Please submit a photo of you and/or your family to office@riversideucc.com by June 14th.

SAVE THE DATE - RIVERSIDE’S EARTH CAMP “The Magic of God’s Creation!” July 22 – 25th 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Ages 4 – 12. Volunteers needed. Please contact katie@riversideucc.com for more information



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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@riversideucc.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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