

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

“Intermezzo” *opus 117 #2 Johannes Brahms*

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Jesus Paid It All”

John Grape arr. Howard Helvey

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship *We Thank you for each moment*

*Opening Song

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” #424

*Sharing God’s Peace

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.***

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Do Not Fear”

Barbara Brown Taylor

Special Music

“Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone”

African-American Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey

Reading “The Peace of Wild Things”

Wendell Berry

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

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

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

Today’s Pockets of Plenty Offering will assist our neighbors in times of crisis through Riverside’s “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund”

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 Mark 4:35-41

Sermon “Peace! Be Still!”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Be My Home”

Hanson and Murakami

Be my savior; be my heart’s delight.

Be my vision; be my guiding light.

Storms may press against me, threaten to prevail.

Be my refuge; be my shelter from the storm.

Be my love that keeps me warm; be my savior;

be my light; be my home.

A Time of Prayer

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

*The Prayer of Jesus

From J. Philip Newell’s “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 “Amazing Grace” #422

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Amen”

South African Traditional

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister

Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider

David Kelly | Piano - Kristen Warnock | Vocals & Guitar

Betsy Brown, Donna McCoy & Betty Shalhope | Diaconate Team

Donna McCoy & Steve Chance | Readers

Steve & Jeannie Chance & The Lytle Family | Hospitality

Kim Vogel | Audio-Visual System

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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 AT RIVERSIDE:

Today. All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee and conversation. Learn more about the work of Hospice of the Gorge & volunteer opportunities at the designated table.

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

Wednesday. Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room

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

Sunday. Outdoor Worship. No service at Riverside

PASTOR VICKY will be on a leave of absence from July 30-September 1. If you need assistance during this time, please contact the church office at office@riversideucc.com or 541-386-1412.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AUGUST 4th at Toll Bridge Park, followed by a potluck. Bring food, place setting and a chair. Campers are invited to come August 3rd for a family friendly, group camp-out. For more information, or to RSVP for camping, please contact Kathryn by July 31st: 541.386.1412.

RCC FALL FUNDRAISER “ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE” Saturday, October 19 4-8 PM. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please contact office@riversideucc.com and share the love.



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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.

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.

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

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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“Behold, There Was a Great Storm” Seamus

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