

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song "Gather Us In" #649

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading "Aging Gracefully"
Stu Watson

Special Music

Reading "Minor Figure" *Mary Ruefle*

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 Matthew 22:34-40
Luke 13:10-17

Sermon "The Bible, Why Bother?"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "The Gift of Love" #397

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 "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"
#457

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Amen"
South African Traditional

Mary Sue Evers | Guest Preacher- Kathy Watson | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Tim Mayer | Piano - Kristen Warnock Song Leader | Joanna Grammond | Vocals
Elaine Johnson & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Stu Watson & Ann Becker | Readers
Karen & Doug Roof & Kathryn Murray | Hospitality
Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual System



Welcome to Riverside Community Church.
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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 stjchance@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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Visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

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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 the Worship Leader, Kathy Watson, 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.

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.

Next Sunday.

- The “Good Book Sunday” Doug Roof as Worship Leader
- Plastic recycling in the Riverview Room. See details below

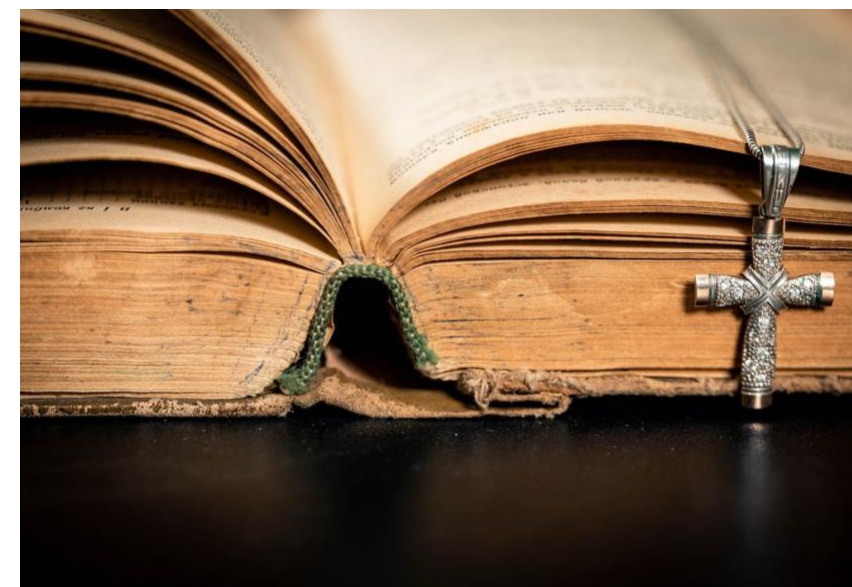
PASTOR VICKY IS AWAY AUGUST 1-30.

Please contact the office at 541.386.1412 if you need assistance.

PLASTIC RECYCLING. All numbers accepted. Please wash thoroughly preferably in dishwasher. Absolutely no food debris can be on the plastic. Donations gladly welcome. Riverside's cost to recycle is \$60 per month & every bit helps!

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS: AUGUST 14 – 29

Kristen Warnock will manage the office 10 AM – 12 PM Tues-Thurs. while Kathryn is on vacation and working remotely, as needed.



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