

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Response: ***“This is the time to begin anew.”***

*Prelude “Holy Spirit Come To Us” *Taize*

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 & Introduction

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

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship

All: ***“This Is the Time to Begin Anew”***

*Opening Song “You’ll Find Love” *Paul Fransten*

(see insert)

*Sharing God’s Peace

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

Reading “Wilderness” *Carl Sandburg*

Silent Reflection

Reading “Signs” *Havatslet Levi*

Special Music

“We Shall Be Known” *MaMuse*

Introduction to the Scripture

Reading Genesis 9:8-17 “The Message”
Gospel of Thomas, Logia 50-1 “If They Ask You”

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.***

Sermon “Here Comes That Rainbow Again”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Over the Rainbow”

Harold Arlen

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 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #72

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Go Now In Peace”

(see insert)

Natalie Sleeth

Rev. John Boonstra | Guest Preacher – Kim Vogel | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Kristen Warnock | Vocals & Guitar | Karen Harding | Vocals
Betty Shalhope & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Gail Lyon & Keith Harding | Readers
Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Hospitality
Michele Beaman | 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 Worship Leader Kim Vogel 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.

PASTOR VICKY IS AWAY AUGUST 1-30. Please contact the office at 541.386.1412 if you need assistance.

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS: AUGUST 14TH – 29TH

Tuesday thru Thursdays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. During this time, Kathryn will be available remotely from 9 a.m. – 12 pm on Tuesdays & Fridays.

CIRCLES OF SOLACE Fall series begins Wed, Sept 18 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Cost is \$45. Scholarship available. Please contact office@riversideucc.com to register.

RIVERSIDE’S ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER! “All You Need is Love” Sat., October 19 4 – 8 PM. Indian cuisine by RCC Kitchen Team. Music by Tim Mayer, silent, live and dessert auction. Special activities for children. Seeking volunteers. If interested, please contact Kathryn office@riversideucc.com. Tickets available in early September!



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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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