

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 “You’ll Find Love” *Paul Franston*

***For the failures there’s forgiveness..
For the brokenness, healing for your souls.
For the sickness there’s a cure.
All who come here will find love.***

***Chorus: You’ll find love that’s waiting here for you.
It’s the heart of Christ that’s aching here for you.
There’s a family reaching out for you.
You’ll find love outpoured, love’s open door for you.***

***For the outcast there’s acceptance.
For the prisoners, freedom from the past.
For the thirsty, waters for you soul.
All who come here will find love.***

***For the lonely there is friendship.
For the lost, a purpose in this life.
For the stranger, a place to call your home.
All who come here will find love.***

*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

Reading “Redefine Everything”

Chelan Harkin

Special Music “Intermezzo, Opus 117, #2”

Johannes Brahms

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 2 Cor. 4:5-12
Mark 2:23 – 3:6

Sermon “In the Name of Love”

Song of Response “Gloria, Gloria” #240

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is Christ’s table and all are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you would like to remain seated, raise your hand and we will gladly come to you.

Communion Song “Spirit Song” #352

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 “The Trees of the Field” #710

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Amen”

African-American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Tertia King | Nursery Care Volunteer
Kristen Warnock | Guitar & Vocals - David Kelly | Piano
Elaine Johnson, Donna McCoy | Diaconate
Eileen Utroske | Hospitality
Kathryn Murray | 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. Music & Arts Board meets at 12:15. All are welcome.
- **Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM.
- **Wednesday.** Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room. Discussions about Riverside music ministry 12:30 or 5 PM. (details below).
- **Sunday.** Graduate recognition Sunday. Church Council meeting after worship.

MUSIC MINISTRY DISCUSSIONS All are welcome to join with Pastor Vicky to discuss the future of Riverside’s music ministry on Wednesday, June 5 at either 12:30 or 5:00 p.m. Both discussions will take place in the Ruth Wells room and will focus on the “Values and Vision” document created by Pastor Vicky and the Council’s executive team. A link to the document was included in last week’s Current. Copies are also available in the Riverview Room

WHO ARE YOU? If you have an RCC name tag, we encourage you to wear it! If you don’t yet have one, or it’s disappeared, please contact Kathrynooffice@riversideucc.com. We also invite you, as desired, to add a sticker so that we know your preferred pronouns. They can be found in the pews and entryways.

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.



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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@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

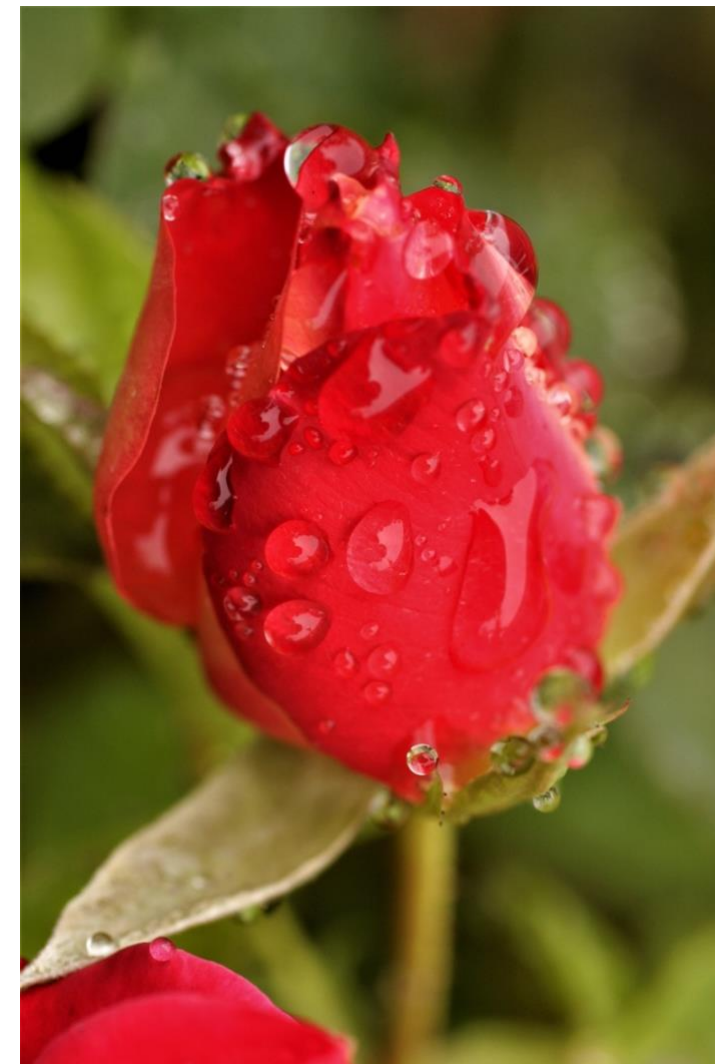
On the Web: Riverside’s web site, www.riversideucc.com, includes: a calendar of all events, the most recent Current newsletters, a way to give electronically, and everything about the life of our congregation.

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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