

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “A Prayer for Peace” *Tim Mayer*

Words of Welcome

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

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Opening Song “My Lord! What a Morning” #537

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Blessing in the Chaos”

Jan Richardson

Gospel Ensemble “It’s Your Season” *Norm Hutchins*

Reading “Some People I Know” *Jack Prelutsky*

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 support
the ‘Trunk or Treat’ events for Native families.*

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

Romans 12:14-21 Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon “Love for the Unlovable”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Down by the Riverside”

African American Spiritual

A Time of Celebration

Doug Roof & Friends

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayers

*The Prayer of Jesus

J. Phillip 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

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” #595 vs 1-3

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Amen”

African-American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Tim Mayer, Kristen Warnock, Paul Thompson & Gospel Ensemble | Musicians
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Elaine Johnson | Diaconate Team
Elaine Thompson & Andrea Kaplowe | Readers
Karen & Keith Harding | Hospitality
Kim Vogel | 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 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, in the Fireside Room 10:15 am – noon.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE:

Today. All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for snacks. Conversations with long time Riverside Members. Plastic recycling.

Tuesday. Kick-off of “*Nourish & Nurture*” series, 5:30-7 PM in the Riverview Room. Light dinner provided by Adult Education & Spiritual Nurture Board, with activities following for all ages. To learn more or register, please contact Dana Pricher dana.pricher@gmail.com

Wednesday.

- Bible Study & Reflection at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM
- Meditation in the Ruth Wells Room - 3:30 PM
- OWL - Riverview & Fireside Rooms - 6:45-8:30 PM
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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

Sunday. All Saints Celebration.

RETREAT REGISTRATION Sign up today for Riverside’s beloved intergenerational retreat Nov. 1-3. Rest, renewal and connection for those of all ages amidst the towering trees & flowing waters of Camp Adams.

NATIVE AMERICAN TRUNK OR TREAT Oct. 23 & 24. Please contact Beth if you can help at hrbethhart@gmail.com.

INQUIRER’S GATHERING. OCT 26 New to Riverside and curious to connect with others? Please join Pastor Vicky and Moderator Doug Roof on October 26 from 9:30-noon. RSVP & to learn more: pastor@riversideucc.com,

HOWL-O-WEEN CONCERT Oct. 30th 7:00 PM. Benefit concert with music by Diana Beterbide, Riverside’s Chancel Choir & more. Those of all ages welcome, including four legged friends!



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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

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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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“Peace” by Donna McCoy

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