

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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

**Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!**

\*Call to Worship **We Arise Today!**

*(adapted from a prayer by St Francis)*

\*Opening Song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #134

\*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 “Teach Your Children” *Chief Seattle*

Special Music “Teach Your Children Well”

*Graham Nash*

Reading “The Way It Is” *William Stafford*

A Time of Offering & Opportunity.

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

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

Children’s Time

A Time of Recognition & Blessing *Everley Boonstra*

***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 2:1-12

Sermon “Lifted”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response *Susan Drake & Julie Jennings*

***Here are our hearts. Here are our hands. Here  
are our lives. Use them as You can. Show us  
those who hurt. Show us those in need. Show  
us how to serve. Teach us how to see.***

A Time of Prayer

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

\*The Prayer of Jesus *As created at Riverside by members of  
the “Greatest Prayer” reflection group*

***O Giver of all life,***

***clear a space within us for your light to dwell.***

***Create your holy reign of justice and love***

***here today, on Earth,***

***through our fiery hearts and willing hands.***

***Give us the bread and strength we need for this day.***

***Forgive us the harm that we do to all that you love,  
as we forgive those who harm us.***

***And lead us not into numbness, distraction, or greed,  
but bring us back from our fears.***

***For You are the source of all that is good and holy—now  
and forever. Amen.***

\*Closing Song “Shadow and Substance” #599

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

***“Amen” African-American Spiritual***

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Volunteer  
Kristen Warnock | Guitar & Vocals – Edwina King | Piano  
Bill Light & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate  
Readers | John Boonstra & Andrea Kaplowe  
Ann Harris, Tertia King & Bonnie New | Hospitality  
Tom Hackett | 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. Council meets at 12:10 a.m. in the Ruth Wells Room.
- **Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM. Freedom Choir Rehearsal 7-8:15 PM - Sanctuary.
- **Wednesday.** Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room
- **Friday.** Community Action for Peace Vigil - 2<sup>nd</sup> & State Street. 5-5:30 PM. Photos for RCC Directory update are due!
- **Saturday.** Men’s Group meets 9:00- Riverview Room
- **Sunday.** LGBTQ+ Panel Discussion - Fireside Room. Juneteenth Celebration - Jackson Park 3-6 PM.

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

### CAMP ADAMS SPRING WORK PARTY!

S All ages welcome! Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Lunch provided. Call Keith Harding for more information - 541.352.7550.

**LGBTQ+ PANEL DISCUSSION.** June 16th, 12 -1:30 pm. Stories of coming out, growing up, plus advice for family & friends of ways to be more inclusive. RSVP please: elainetho56@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE - RIVERSIDE’S EARTH CAMP** “The Mystery & Magic of God’s Creation!” July 22 – 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am. – 12 pm. Ages 4 – 12. Volunteers needed. Contact katie@riversideucc.com

**CPR TRAINING.** Sat., June 22 8 am – 12 pm. Odell Fire Dept. \$60 fee includes certification. Contact Donna McCoy at 541.380.1702.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com) Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

On the Web: Riverside’s web site, [www.riversideucc.com](http://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](mailto:office@riversideucc.com) or visit [www.riversideucc.com](http://www.riversideucc.com)

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“Helping Each Other On our Way” Jolly Van der Velden

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