

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!

*Invitation to Worship “Come, Come” *Rumi*

*Opening Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
#59

*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 “Prophets of a Future No Our Own”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

Special Music “Come” *arr. Shimshai*

Come, come whoever you are

Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving

Come, come whoever you are

This isn’t a caravan of despair

It doesn’t matter if you’ve broken your vows

A thousand times before, and yet again

Come again come, and yet again come

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 Mark 4:35-41

Poetry & Words of Reflection *Chelan Harkin*

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

***Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be
Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be
done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil, for Yours is the kingdom, the power and
the glory forever. Amen.***

*Closing Song “Simple Gifts” *trad. American Shaker*

***’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free,
’Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
’Twill be in the valley of love and delight.***

***Chorus: When true simplicity is gain’d,
To bow and to bend we will not be asham’d,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right.***

***’Tis the gift to be gentle, ’tis the gift to be fair, ’
Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air.
To walk every day in the path we choose.
’Tis the gift that we pray we never, never lose.***

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Amen” African-American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator - Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Kristen Warnock | Vocals & Guitar
Betty Shalhope, Elaine Johnson and Steve & Jeannie Chance | Diaconate
Frank Haskell & Charlie Warren | Readers
Corinda Elliott & Larry Jones | 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 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 AT RIVERSIDE

- **Today.** All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee, and conversation.
- LGBTQ+ Panel Discussion - Fireside Room.
- Plastic Recycling in the Riverview Room
- Juneteenth Celebration - Jackson Park 3-6 PM.
- **Tuesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM.
- **Wednesday.** Juneteenth Holiday. Riverside office closed. Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room
- **Friday.** Community Action for Cease Fire in Gaza - 2nd & State Street. 5-5:30 PM.
- **Saturday.** CPR Training 8 am – 12 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.

PASTOR VICKY will be away from June 17-28. If you need assistance during this time, please contact 541.386.1412.

SAVE THE DATE - RIVERSIDE’S EARTH CAMP “The Mystery & Magic of God’s Creation!” July 22 – 25th 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.

PRIDE PARADE. All ages welcome to join in a family-friendly event. Sat., June 29 10 a.m.. in The Dalles. Please contact katie@riversideucc.com to participate.



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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 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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“The Sower” Mike Moyer

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