



*\*for those able, please stand*

## Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Prelude “God Bless the Children “  
*Billie Holliday and Arthur Herzog Jr*

Words of Welcome  
*This is the day that our God has made....  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

\*Opening Song  
“All Things Bright and Beautiful” #30

\*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading “God in All Things”  
*Meister Eckhart*

Special Music “Creation Calls” *Brian Doerksen*



## Blessing of the Creatures & A Time of Offering

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

*You are welcome to come forward with your beloved creature, or a photo, for a time of blessing. If mobility is a challenge, please raise your hand and we will come to you.*

## 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 stand,  
strengthened by God's own hand,  
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.***

Bible Bits & Scripture Psalm 148  
Mark 10:13-16

Words of Reflection

Silent Reflection

Song of Response  
***Lord make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.***



## 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  
**One Bread, One Body** #689

A Time of Prayer  
*God in your grace...*  
***Hear Our Prayers***

\*The Prayer of St. Francis *(insert)*

\*Closing Song  
“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”  
*(insert)*

\*Benediction

Postlude “Go Now in Peace”  
***Go now in peace, go now in peace  
May the love of God Surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.***

Rev. Vicky Stifter, Minister  
Rev. Patricia Mitchell, Communion Co-Celebrant  
Christy King, Youth Program Volunteer | Kristin Daly, Nursery Care Provider  
Kristen Warnock, Vocals & Guitar | Boyd Nunley, Piano  
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Alison Betzing, Diaconate Team  
Donna McCoy, Reader  
Kathryn Murray, Audio-Visual & Sound System  
Gean & Gary Rains and Sandy Spellecy, Hospitality

**Welcome to Riverside Community Church**  
*United Church of Christ*

**VISITORS** 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. Children 5 + are invited to join Christy King for Sunday School after Children’s Time. Nursery open for those birth-age 4.

**THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE**

**Today.** All are welcome after worship for coffee & conversation in the Riverview Room.

- 12:45--dedication of park bench at the waterfront in memory of Jeanine Jones. Carpool from back lot at 12:35.

**Tuesday.** Dinner & spiritual nurture with friends from area churches at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 5-7 pm. No cost.

**Wednesday.** Bible Study at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM | Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM | OWL 6:15 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

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

**Next Sunday.** Guest Preacher Rev. Patricia Mitchell

**PASTOR VICKY** Will be away Oct. 8 – 14. If you need assistance during this time, please contact the church office at 541.386.1412 office@riversideucc.com

**DOCUMENTARY FILM:** “Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism’s Unholy War on Democracy” Thurs, Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm.

**FALL FUNDRAISER. ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE.** Oct. 19 4-8 PM. Individual & Table of 8 tickets are selling fast and available after worship, online at www.riversideucc.com or by calling the office at 541.386.1412.

**INQUIRER’S GATHERING.** Curious to learn more about Riverside? Attend a gathering Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.– 12. Refreshments provided. Contact pastor@riversideucc.com

**RETREAT REGISTRATION** Available after worship for the beloved intergenerational retreat at Camp Adams, Nov. 1-3. Reserve your spot today!

*Riverside is blessed by your presence.*

**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 reducing 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 katie@riversideucc.com.*

Our Justice and Witness team promotes engagement with the Warming Shelter, FISH Food Bank, Somos Uno, Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. *Contact Ann Harris at 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: 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 for more information.*

Keep up on what’s happening! Sign up for our weekly online newsletter, *The Current*, by contacting editor Kathy Watson, kathy@watsonx2.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>

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*Fresco by Giotto, Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi Italy*

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**Sunday, OCTOBER 6, 2024**