

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!

*Opening Song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #134

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “The Way It Is” *William Stafford*

Choral Anthem “Coming Home”
Kirkpatrick & McDonald

Reading “I Voted” *Alfred LaMotte*

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 Psalm 146
Mark 12:38-44

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Here Are Our Hearts”
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 by members of Riverside’s
“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
“Healer of Our Every Ill” #630

*Benediction

*Choral Response “God Be With You”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Chancel Choir Director, Piano & Organ
Elaine Johnson, Sandy Spellecy & Gail Lyon | Diaconate Team
Kim Vogel, Steve Chance | Readers
James Holloway | 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 in the Fireside Room from 10:15 - noon.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE:

Today. All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee & conversation and Advent Calendar Making!

- Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

Tuesday. Nurture & Nourish 5:30 – 7:00 PM (see below).

Wednesday.

- Bible Study & Reflection at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM

- Meditation in the Ruth Wells Room - 3:30 PM.

- OWL in the Ruth Wells & Fireside Rooms - 6:45-8:30 PM.

- Choir in the Sanctuary – 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Friday. Community Action for a Cease Fire in Gaza. 2nd & State Street. 4:30 -5:00 PM.

Next Sunday. Those who would like to sing with the Gospel Ensemble are invited to rehearse at 9:15 a.m.

NOURISH YOUR BODY & SPIRIT. Tuesday, Nov. 12th 5–7 PM. Come for dinner, stay for fellowship as we gather with friends from Bethel, Spirit of Grace and St. Marks. Those of all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to pastor@riversideucc.com

“Blessings for our Community” - A THANKSGIVING MEAL

Nov. 28th 12–2 PM. Bring your family & friends as Riverside hosts a free turkey dinner, complete with all the fixins’. Live music by Tom Kaser. Donations welcome. Volunteer sign up at www.riversideucc.com/Current Events page.

“LET’S BE MORE TOGETHER” Riverside’s Giving Campaign kicks off next Sunday. This is our annual opportunity to pledge financial support for Riverside’s ministry and mission in 2025. Details coming soon!



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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

<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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“Starlight Night” by Georgia O’Keefe

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