

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

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” #344

*Sharing God’s Peace

“Weave”

Rosemary Crow

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

“Against Panic”

Molly Fisk

Gospel Ensemble

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around”

African American Spiritual

Reading

“All Will Come Again”

Rilke

Let’s BE More Together!

Megan Sturdy

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

Today’s special offering will benefit the Black in the Gorge

scholarship fund as part of Riverside’s Musical Reparations Project

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 16 Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

“Birth Pangs”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “There Will be Light” *Ben Harper*

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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #574

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Amen”

African American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Tim Mayer | Gospel Ensemble Director - Paul Thompson | Bass
Kristen Warnock | Guitar
Betty Shalhope, Marbe Cook & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Ann Harris & John Boonstra | Readers
Molly Fauth & Jen Hackett | 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 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. Plastic recycling.

Tuesday. Nourish & Nurture 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 Rehearsal in the Sanctuary – 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday.

- Book Group meets at Karen Roof’s home at 10:30 AM to discuss *‘Demon of Unrest’*.
- GEM Gathering 11:30–1 PM at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. 400 11th St. Presentation on Aging & Disability resources in the Gorge.

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

“LET’S BE MORE TOGETHER” Riverside’s Giving Campaign begins today! Pledge packets are available after worship. Thank you for your generous giving.

“NOURISH & NURTURE” SERIES. Tuesday evening 5:30-7:00 PM in the Riverview Room. Light dinner provided, with activities following for all ages. To learn more or register, please contact Dana Pricher dana.pricher@gmail.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](http://www.riversideucc.com/Current%20Events) page.



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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 stjechance@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 birth of stars, captured by the Webb Space Telescope

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