

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God”
Kaufmann

Words of Welcome
This is the Day that our God Has Made . . .
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship
God’s steadfast love endures forever!
adapted from Psalm 136

*Opening Song
“Praise and Thanksgiving” #722

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Notions” *Paula Gordon Lepp*

Choral Anthem “Celtic Laud” *Courtney*

Let’s BE More Together! *The Lytle Family*

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
Luke 19:41-42 John 11:28-35

Sermon “A Time of Thanks - Grieving”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Thank You Lord” #365

A Time of Welcome *Joy & Adam Brake*
We welcome you with joy into the common life of this community of faith. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes, joys and challenges of the church of Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we join together to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in the ways of our God.

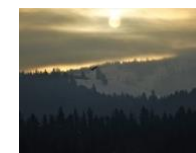
A Time of Prayer
God in your grace . . . **Hear Our Prayers**

*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
“For the Fruit of All Creation” #723

*Benediction

*Choral Response “God Be With You”



Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Diane Beterbide | Chancel Choir Director, Piano & Organ
Jeannie & Steve Chance, Elaine Johnson & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Charissa Callison & Beth Hartwell | Readers
James Holloway, Donna McCoy & Pam Riedl | 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 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. Advent calendar making for baby Althea.

Wednesday.

- 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.

- Thanksgiving Feast in the Riverview Room 12 -2 PM

Friday. Riverside Office Closed.

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

Saturday.

- Celebration of Life for John Wright 2- 4 PM in the Riverview Room

NEXT SUNDAY. The season of Advent begins with greening of the church. Join us after worship to make wreaths and decorate. All ages welcome, no experience needed. Bring garden clippers if you have them.

NOURISH & NURTURE SERIES. Final session Tues., Dec 3rd 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Karen Harding will lead nature-inspired artwork. Please contact dana.pricher@gmail.com to participate. Light dinner provided. Those of all ages are welcome.

“LET’S BE MORE TOGETHER” Riverside’s Giving Campaign has begun! Please return your pledge card by December 8th. Thank you for your generous giving.



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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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