

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

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 "Wade in the Water"

African American Spiritual
***Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water
God's gonna trouble the water***

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Introduction to the "Good Book"

Reading & Reflection Psalm 141:1-4
Sandy Spellecy

Gospel Ensemble "Ella's Song"
Bernice Johnson Reagan

Reading & Reflection *Andrea Kaplowe*

A Time of Offering & Announcements
God is good ***all the time...***
and all the time...***God is good!***

Offertory "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"
Arr. Dan Gaynor

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.***

Reading & Reflection *David Jaeger*
Philippians 2:12 Isaiah 40:8

Song of Response

***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

From J. Philip Newell's "Celtic Mass for Peace"

***Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the
universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence, may your longings
be ours, our longings in heart and action.
May there be food for the human family today,
for the whole earth community. Forgive us the
falseness of what we have done, as we forgive
those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in
our time of conflict but lead us into new
beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of
life, and the glory of life are yours now and
forever. Amen.***

*Closing Song

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" #729

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Amen"

African American Spiritual

Doug Roof | Worship Leader
Tim Mayer, Kristen Warnock, Paul Thompson & Gospel Ensemble | Musicians
Eileen Utroske, Elaine Johnson, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Diaconate
Elaine Thompson | Reader
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System
Jeannie & Steve Chance | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church



United Church of Christ

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 Worship Leader, Doug Roof, 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 & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE

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

- Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

Tuesday. Monthly Meal at Bethel from 5- 7 PM. See details below.

Wednesday. Bible Study at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM

Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Thursday. Book Group meets at 10:30 AM. Karen Roof’s home.

Friday. Community Action for peace in Gaza 4:30 – 5:00 PM at 2nd & State Streets.

PASTOR VICKY IS AWAY. Friday, January 10 - 16. If you need assistance, please contact the Riverside office at 541.386.1412.

“FEEDING OUR BODIES, MINDS & SPIRITS” Tuesday, Jan. 16th 5-7 PM at Bethel in White Salmon. Contemplative Taizé-style worship & meal following. Study of scripture: Civil Disobedience.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION JANUARY 20TH

Community-wide celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with music and more! Workshop at 3 PM, Community Meal at 6:30 PM. See riversideucc.com for more info.

ANNUAL MEETING. JAN. 26TH All are invited to attend as we make important decisions for the year ahead: leadership, budget, and RCC By-laws. Light meal and childcare provided. Donations to help cover food costs are most welcome.

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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 sibling’s 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>

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“Adam & Eve” Andy Saczynski

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Sunday, January 12, 2025