

**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
“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Readings
“A Special Kind of Wisdom” *Wes Nisker*

”A Crazy Wisdom To-Do List” *Daniel Atchison-Nevel*

Special Music



A Time of Offering & Announcements

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
Matthew 5:38-48 Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon
“Not So Meek, Not So Mild”

Song of Response
“The Gift of Love” #397

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.***

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.*

*Closing Song
“The Power of Your Love” #467

*Benediction

*Congregational Response
“Amen”
(African American spiritual)

Rev. Mary Sue Evers | Guest Preacher – Kim Vogel | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Boyd Nunley | Piano - James Gebhard | Organ
Kristen Warnock | Guitar & Vocals - Lauren Gray | Vocals
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Elaine Johnson | Diaconate
Beth Hartwell & Ann Becker | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Karen & Doug Roof | Hospitality

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence.

Guests ~ please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Worship Leader, Kim Vogel, after the service.

TODAY

Ages 5+ - Join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time.
Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care available in the Fireside Room from
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Wednesday

Bible Study at Down Manor 2:00 - 3:00 PM (new time)
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM
Circles of Solace 5:30 -6:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Friday

Community Action for Peace in Gaza
4:30 - 5:00 PM at 2nd & State Streets

Next Sunday

Pastor Vicky preaching. Riverside Council meets.

PASTOR VICKY AWAY

Jan 31 - Feb 3. For assistance or pastoral care, contact
Kathryn at 541-386-1412

MONTHLY MEAL: FEEDING OUR BODIES, MINDS & SPIRITS

Tues, Feb. 11th 5 - 7 PM at Spirit of Grace in Hood River.
Dinner, discussion on Beatitudes in Luke, song, readings &
prayer. Meal provided.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PALESTINE

Saturday, Feb 22 | 7:00 PM Featuring David Rovics
All proceeds to benefit HEALpalestine.org
Tickets available via EventBrite.com

JOIN THE SOUND & AV TEAM!

Support worship by helping run sound & livestream.
Training provided! Contact Kathryn at
office@riversideucc.com.

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHO WE ARE . . .

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community following the ways of
Jesus-loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing God's
extravagant welcome.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING

We fully embrace LGBTQ+ individuals in all aspects of church life
and ministry.
Immigrant Welcoming - We stand in solidarity with our immigrant
siblings, documented and undocumented.

Caring for Creation - We divest from fossil fuels, invest in
renewable energy, and strive to reduce our environmental impact.

The UCC is a denomination committed to justice since the
abolitionist movement of the 1800s. Learn more: www.ucc.org

MINISTRIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Youth Ministry - Sunday School, teen groups, and Our Whole
Lives (OWL), a comprehensive human sexuality program. Contact:
Katie Cook 541-980-0505 or katie@riversideucc.com

JUSTICE & WITNESS

Supporting the Warming Shelter, FISH Food Bank, Somos Uno,
and Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. Contact: Jeannie
Chance 541-806-6648 stjchance@gmail.com

"CHEERS" CARE TEAM

Providing meals and support during times of transition,
connection and health challenges
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 pastor@riversideucc.com

CONNECT & GROW

Men's Discussion Group
Monthly Book Group
Adult Education Classes
Tuesday Bible Study & Reflection

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
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"The Best Supper" Jan Richardson

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