

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“I Woke Up this Morning”

Words of Welcome

This is the day that our God has made...
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Opening Song

“We Shall Not Be Moved”

*We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's standing by the water
We shall not be moved*

- v. 1 Protecting all the children, we shall not be moved...*
- v. 2 Standing strong together, we shall not be moved...*
- v. 3 Loving all our neighbors, we shall not be moved...*

*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

“We, Without a Future” *Anna McKenzie*



Riverside Community Church

Gospel Ensemble

“Something Inside So Strong” *Labi Siffre*

Reading

“The Beatitudes” *Rob Bell*

A Time of Offering & Announcements

*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

Jeremiah 17:5-11 Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

“Emptied and Filled”

Song of Response 2x

*Lord Prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true: with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

A Time of Celebration

A Time of Prayer

“Leaning In” *C. Grundy*

*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

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” #506

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Amen”

African American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Kristen Warnock & Boyd Nunley | Gospel Ensemble Musicians
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Donna McCoy | Diaconate
Kathy & Stu Watson | Readers
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System
Kim Morton, Gail Lyon & Vicky Stifter | Hospitality

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 Pastor Vicky after the service.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

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. All are invited for coffee and connection in the Riverview Room after worship.

Plastic Recycling – please check in with volunteer!
Sympathy card available to sign for Rev. Steve Lusk's family

WEDNESDAY

Finance & Development Board 10:00 AM
Bible Study at Down Manor 2:00 - 3:00 PM (new time)
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM | Circles of Solace 5:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

GEM Monthly Community Gathering (see details below)

FRIDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Informational table--*Sunshine Club* campaign
Music & Arts Board—planning for Lent & Easter!
All are Welcome.

GORGE ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES | COMMUNITY GATHERING

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council reps will share about HR shelter services, houselessness & poverty programs. 11:45 AM – 1 PM 1140 Tucker Road, Hood River

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PALESTINE

David Rovics at 7 PM All proceeds to benefit HEALpalestine.org. Tickets via EventBrite.com or at door

“WHAT IF WE GET IT RIGHT?: VISIONS OF CLIMATE FUTURES”

New 3-week series begins Feb 23rd Facilitated by Rev. John Boonstra, 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Ruth Wells room.

For registration or questions: johnboonstra@msn.com.

Books available for a discount at Waucoma.

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

Engaging in advocacy & service
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 stjechance@gmail.com

“CHEERS” CARE TEAM

Providing meals and support during times of transition, connection and health challenges
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-14121 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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"Beatitudes" Gerald Shepherd

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