

**for those able, please stand*



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” *Broughton*

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

*Opening Song

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” #655

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Kindness” *Naomi Shihab Nye*

Choral Anthem

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh” *Butler*

Reading

“Love your Enemies” *Phil J Hambling*

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

Luke 6: 27-38

Sermon

“Love, Bless, Pray”

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 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #559

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Amen”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister – Kathy Watson | Guest Preacher
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Alison Betzing, Elaine Johnson & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate
Barbara Grant & Sandy Spellecy | Readers
Tom Hackett | Audio Visual & Sound System
Bill Light, Kathryn Murray, Sharon Scott & Kitsy Stanley | Hospitality

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence. Guests ~ 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.

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.

Informational table--*Sunshine Club* campaign
Music & Arts Board meets - rear of sanctuary
Garden design discussion in the Ruth Wells Room with Dana Pricher

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Down Manor 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

FRIDAY

Community Action for Peace in Gaza 4:30 - 5:00 PM

2nd & State Streets

NEXT SUNDAY

Great River Natural Burial info session after worship.

WHAT IF WE GET IT RIGHT? *VISIONS OF CLIMATE FUTURES*

New 3-week series begins today. Facilitated by Rev. John Boonstra. 9:15-10:15 in the Ruth Wells room.

ASH WEDNESDAY CAMPFIRE SERVICE—MARCH 5

All are welcome as we begin our journey into the holy season of Lent. 5:30 at the Vogel's home:
1105 Methodist Road.

"I AM AN IMMIGRANT—SOY INMIGRANTE"

Campaign launch & dinner in the Riverview Room
March 7 at 6:00. Please join us as we proudly proclaim our immigrant backgrounds and stand with those at risk.

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 541-386-1412 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*
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