

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“The Rose” *Amanda McBroom*

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

*Opening Song

“Gather Us In” #649

*Sharing God’s Peace

The Peace of the Earth
The peace of the earth be with you,
The peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you,
God’s Peace growing in you.

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander”
(excerpt) Thomas Merton

Special Music

“Creation Calls” *Brian Doerksen*



Reading

“Transfigured” *Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

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

Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

“Into the Mystery”

Song of Response ^{2x}

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his
wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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.

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 #67

“Siyahamba” *South African Traditional*
We are singing in the light of God...
We are praying.... We are shining...
We are loving...

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“God’s Flame of Love” *Christopher Grundy*

God’s flame of love is shining in you
God’s flame of love is shining in everyone
Thank you for the gift of God shining in you
Thank you for the gift of God shining in you

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Kristen Warnock & Boyd Nunley | Musicians
Donna McCoy & Elaine Johnson | Diaconate
Donna McCoy & Steve Chance | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Alison Betzing & The Callison Family | 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. Great River Natural Burial info in the Ruth Wells Room.

WEDNESDAY

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

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Service at the home of Kim & John Vogel 1105 Methodist Road 5:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Cheers Team meets 10:30 AM | Ruth Wells Room

FRIDAY

“I Am An Immigrant” - “Soy Immigrante”
Campaign Launch. Dinner provided 6 – 7:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

“What if we get it right? *Visions of Climate Futures*”
Last session in series. 9:15-10:15 in the Ruth Wells room.
Council Meets after worship.

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

MARCH 12, 19, 26 & APRIL 2 – 6-8 PM A powerful personality system based on ancient spiritual traditions that helps us to understand our motivations, desires, and fears. Led by Gwen Thomas & Ann Harris. \$30 fee. Childcare available if requested by March 5.

**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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“Transfiguration” *Lewis Bowman*