



**for those able, please stand*

Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Savior, Luke a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury, arr Bill Wolavet

Words of Welcome

This is the day that our God has made...

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Opening Song**

“Sweet Sweet Spirit” #134 (2x)

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Catch Us in Our Scrambling”

adapted from a prayer by Ted Loder

Special Music

“Grace So Amazing” *Gene Bartlett*

Reading

“Ash Thursday” *Michael Coffey*

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 4:1-13

Sermon

“Into the Wilderness”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response (2x)

“Take O Take Me As I Am”

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*



A Time of Prayer & Ashes

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayer

***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**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #748

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

“Amen”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
David Kelly | Piano Jo Herring | Vocalist
Donna McCoy, Alison Betzing & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team
Kim Vogel & Kathryn Murray | Readers
Susan Bell & Deanne McLaughlin | Hospitality
Tom Hackett | Audio Visual & Sound System

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. Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Ed & Spiritual Nurture Board 10:30 AM

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

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

First Session of Enneagram Workshop 6-8 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

FRIDAY

Community Action for Peace in Gaza 5:00 – 5:30 PM
2nd & State streets

NEXT SUNDAY

Tim Mayer and the Gospel Ensemble. All are welcome to join. Rehearsal begins at 9:15 AM

Special Offering” “One Great Hour of Sharing”

Immigrant Welcoming Team hosts a panel discussion after worship.

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*
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church

A Time of Stillness

During this holy season of Lent, you are invited to dwell in the peace and stillness of the sanctuary prior to the start of the worship service. If you would like to engage in conversation, you are welcome to use the Riverview Room.



Briton Rivière - The Temptation in the Wilderness

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Sunday March 9, 2024
First Sunday in Lent