

**for those able, please stand*

Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Come My Soul” *Marshall*

Words of Welcome

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

*Invitation to Worship

“Come, Come” *Rumi*

*Opening Song

“O, Sing to the Lord” #15
(verse 1 & 2 in English, 3 in Spanish)

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“This Time”
Ricardo Levins-Morales, Aurora Levins-Morales

Choral Anthem

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”
Hopson

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

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 25: 31-40

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response *2x*

*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

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayers

*The Prayer of Jesus

*(as created at Riverside by members of the
“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

Christ, You Call Us All to Service”
#571

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Ubi Caritas”

Graciela Comez | Guest Preacher - Reverend Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Donna McCoy, Deanne McLaughlin, Darren Tillson | Diaconate Team
Bonnie New, Stu Watson, Andrea Kaplowe | Readers
Michele Beaman | Audio Visual & Sound System
Callison Family, Betty & Don Shalhope, Michele Beaman | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church
United Church of Christ

GUESTS We are blessed to worship with you today. Thank you for the gift of your presence. 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.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children of all ages at Riverside. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children’s Time. Those birth to age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs from 10:15 – 12 noon.

THIS WEEK at RIVERSIDE
TODAY

All are welcome after worship for coffee & connection in the Riverview Room.

After worship: AV Training in the Sanctuary.
Hike to Marsh Hill with Keith Harding & friends - carpool from Riverside parking lot at 12:30.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Down Manor 2:00 PM
Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Enneagram Series-3rd Session 6 PM Riverview Room

THURSDAY

Finance & Development Board meets 10:00 AM Ruth Wells

FRIDAY

Community Action for peace with justice for those in Palestine & Israel. 5:00 - 5:00 PM at 2nd & State streets in downtown Hood River.

NEXT SUNDAY

“Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing” 9:15-10:10 AM Ruth Wells. Books available for purchase in the Riverview Room.

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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.



“La Familia Sagrada” - Kelly Latimore

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday, March 23, 2025