

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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

*Call to Worship “Alleluia” Pedro Casaldaliga

*Opening Song

“Shout for Joy, Loud & Long” #304)

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Poetry & Reflection “Birds Warning”

by Stu Watson



Choral Anthem “My Hope is in You”
Schram

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.***

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

Poetry and Reflection

“Next Year's Spring” Johann Wolfgang Goethe
read by Joy Brake

“The Rain Song” Led Zeppelin
read by Gary McFarlen

Song of Response “Alleluia” (2X)

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Poetry and Reflection

“Equal and Opposite” Ellen Waterson
read by Barbara Grant

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

“Now the Green Blade Rises” #311

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Ubi Caritas”

Reverend Vicky Stifter | Pastor | Doug Roof | Worship Leader
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ and Chancel Choir Director
Dawn Rankin | Flute
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Karen Roof | Diaconate Team
Sandy Spellecy | Reader
Beth Hartwell & Sandy Spellecy | Hospitality
Tom Hackett | Audio Visual & Sound System

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VISITORS 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. 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 am – 12 noon.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE
TODAY

All are welcome after worship for coffee & conversation in the Riverview Room.
SNL @ RCC Tickets for sale! Last chance to purchase and sign up for an act!
Pizza lunch for teens with Katie Cook after worship.

WEDNESDAY

Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

FRIDAY

Community Action for Peace. Justice seekers of all ages are invited to join an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. 5:00 PM 2nd and State streets in Hood River.

CIRCLES OF SOLACE | 4 WEEK SPRING SERIES

Tuesdays May 7th thru 27th 5:30 – 7:00 PM
\$40 / space is limited. Please contact
office@riversideucc.com to register by May 1.

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Vicky returns | Guest speaker UCC Central Pacific
Conference Minister Rev. Tyler Connelly

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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 stjchance@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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Sunday, APRIL 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

