

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles



Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Reflection”

Young

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

*Opening Song

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” #650

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Blessing in the Chaos”

Jan Richardson

Choral Anthem

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

arr Walker

Reading

“For Peace”

(adapted) John O’Donohue

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

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

Isaiah 11:1-9 John 14:23-29

Sermon

“The Gift of Shalom”

Song of Response

*Put Peace into each other’s hands and like a
treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness
enfold it.*

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

“Community of Christ” #615

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Ubi Caritas”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister

Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director & RCC Chancel Choir
Deanne McLaughlin, Darren Tillson & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate

Ann Harris & Ann Becker | Readers

Michele Beaman | Audio Visual & Sound System

James Holloway, Donna McCoy, Pam Riedl,
Betty Shalhope and Gean & Gary Rains | 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.

TUESDAY

Circles of Solace 5:30 – 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

"Just Peace Pilgrimage and Doctrine of Discovery"
5 PM at St. Paul's Church in The Dalles. Kim Morton & friends share about their recent pilgrimage experiences. Dinner provided. Please contact Kim at ksmindigo@yahoo.com for more information or carpooling.

ALLYSHIP 101: NO STUPID QUESTIONS

Panel Discussion to better understand our LGBTQ+ friends and community. 6:30-8:30 PM Riverview Room. All are welcome. Visit www.riversideucc.com to register.

FRIDAY

Justice seekers of all ages are invited to join an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. 5:00 – 5:30 PM at 2nd and State streets in Hood River.

SATURDAY

Tabling for "We are Immigrants" campaign at Farmers Market, 9 AM -1 PM Contact Deanne if you can take a shift: deannemclaughlin@gmail.com.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Waterfront Park
Contact katie@riversideucc.com to RSVP.

RIVERSIDE'S EARTH CAMP "ABCD'S OF GOD'S CREATION"

June 23 – 26 10AM -12 PM. Registration is now open! Ages 4-10
See www.riversideucc.com to register. \$15 per child per day. Scholarships available.

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
Bible Study & Reflection

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, The Current
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
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"Shalom—Landscape" Jackie Olenick

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025Un