

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
United Church of Christ

*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Flowering of the Cross

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Joyous Dawning” *arr Smith*

Words of Welcome  
Christ is Risen . . . ***Christ is Risen Indeed!***

\*Opening Song & Procession of the Cross  
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #288

\*Call to Worship ***Alleluia!***  
*Adapted from a poem by Ted Loder*

\*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Listen to the Mustn’ts”  
*Shel Silverstein*

Choral Anthem. “Crown Him!” *Forrest*

Readings “If Darwin Prayed” *Bruce Sanguin*  
“Risen” *Jan Richardson*

Gospel Ensemble “Easter Rising” *Herbie Mann*

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 24:1-12

Sermon “But . . . ”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “The Day of Resurrection!” #298

A Time of Prayer

\*The Prayer of Jesus  
*(As created by members of Riverside’s “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 “Glory, Glory Hallelujah” *(insert)*  
*African American Spiritual*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response  
“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide, Piano & Organ | Riverside Chancel Choir  
Kate Dougherty, Trumpet  
Tim Mayer, Piano | Paul Thompson, Bass | Kristen Warnock &  
Riverside Gospel Ensemble  
Alison Betzing, Donna McCoy, Pam Riedl & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team  
Evy Pricher, John Boonstra, Barbara Grant & Kathryn Murray | Readers  
The Riverside Kitchen Team, Keith & Karen Harding, Gean & Gary Rains,  
Eric Bingener & Sandy Spellecy | Hospitality  
Michele Beaman | Audio-Visual & Sound System

**Welcome to Riverside Community Church**  
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**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. No Sunday School today. The nursery is open downstairs for the little ones age birth – 4.

**THIS WEEK at RIVERSIDE**  
**TODAY**

All are welcome after worship for coffee & connection in the Riverview Room. Easter Egg Hunt after worship. Children meet Katie in the rear of the Sanctuary.

**BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS!**

Please take a book as a gift from the family of Judy Schock. Available from the tables in the Riverview Room.

**MONDAY**

Pastor Vicky away April 21- 28. Please contact Kathryn in the Riverside office for assistance.

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**WEDNESDAY**

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

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**FRIDAY**

Community Action for peace with justice for those in Palestine & Israel. 5:00 – 5:30 PM at 2nd & State streets.

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**CIRCLES OF SOLACE | 4 WEEK SPRING SERIES**

A safe and sacred space for those who are grieving personal losses and/or the sorrows of the world.  
Tuesdays May 7 thru 27 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
\$40 / space is limited. Please contact office@riversideucc.com to register by May 1.

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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](http://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](mailto:katie@riversideucc.com)

**JUSTICE & WITNESS**

Engaging in advocacy & service  
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 [stjechance@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com)



“Bee in the Flowers” *David Hines*

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**EASTER**  
Sunday, April 20, 2025

