

*\*for those able, please stand*

## Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

### Centering Silence & Prayer

#### Prelude

#### Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

#### \*Call to Worship

*Praise be to You, O God*  
*(adapted from a poem by Ted Loder)*

#### \*Opening Song

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #134 (2x)

#### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

### Preparing our Hearts

#### Reading

“Where the Sidewalk Ends”  
*Shel Silverstein*

#### Special Music

“Most of All”  
*Brandi Carlisle*

#### Reading

“The Living Years”  
*B.A. Robertson & Mike Rutherford*

#### 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

Proverbs 8: 22-36 Mark 10:13-16

#### Sermon

#### Song of Response (2x)

*Spirit of the Living God,*  
*fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the Living God,*  
*fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the Living God,*  
*fall afresh on me.*

#### A Time of Prayer

God in your grace... *Hear Our Prayers*

#### \*The Prayer of Jesus

*(From J. Philip Newell’s “Celtic Mass for Peace”)*

*Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be ours, our longings in heart and action. May there be food for the human family today, for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.*

#### \*Closing Song

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #500

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response

“Amen”  
*African-American Spiritual*

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister – Chelan Harkin | Guest Poet & Preacher  
Tertia King | Youth Program Volunteer  
Tim Mayer | Piano - Paul Hinschberger | Song Leader  
Donna McCoy, Elaine Johnson & Gail Lyon | Diaconate  
Heather Nielsen. Susan Debonis & Gary McFarlen | Readers  
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Elaine Thompson & Larry Jones | 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 Tertia King for Sunday School after Children's Time.  
No Nursery care available today. All are invited for coffee and connection in the Riverview Room after worship.  
Plastic recycling – final time!

**MONDAY**

Freedom Choir rehearsal 5:30 – 7 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM  
Freedom Choir rehearsal 5:30 – 7 PM

**THURSDAY**

Juneteenth celebration at Jackson Park with food, music and the Freedom Choir 3-9 PM.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**SUNDAY**

Tai Chi Made Easy 9:30 AM on June 22nd in the Ruth Wells Room.  
No experience needed.

**PASTOR VICKY**

will be away for a continuing education retreat June 16-20. For assistance during this time, please contact Kathryn in the church office: 541.386.1412.

**RIVERSIDE’S EARTH CAMP “ABCD’S OF GOD’S CREATION”**

June 23 – 26 10AM -12 PM. Registration ends soon! Ages 4-10  
See [www.riversideucc.com](http://www.riversideucc.com) to register. \$15 per child per day.  
Scholarships available.

**“SEE NO STRANGER: A MEMOIR & MANIFESTO OF REVOLUTIONARY LOVE”**All are invited to join in an exploration of themes in this powerful and timely book, by author Valarie Kaur.9:15-10:15

Sunday, June 29, July 6, 20 & 27. Discounted books available at  
Waucoma Contact Ann Harris [harris.annj@gmail.com](mailto:harris.annj@gmail.com)

**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.

**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 and challenge.  
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 [pastor@riversideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riversideucc.com)

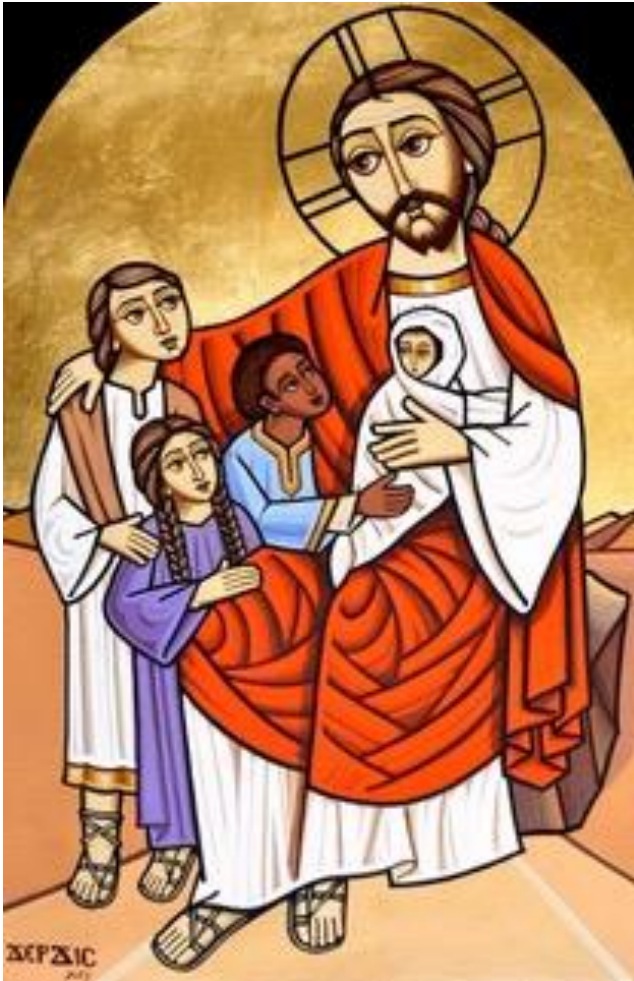
**CONNECT & GROW**

Men’s Discussion Group  
Monthly Book Group  
Adult Education Classes  
Bible Study & Reflection

**STAY CONNECTED**

Weekly Newsletter, The Current  
Sign up at [kathy@hungerchronicles.com](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com)  
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**[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)**



“Blessing the Children” *Elleney Soter*

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