

*\*for those able, please stand*

## Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

### Centering Silence & Prayer

#### Prelude

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

*arr. Larson*

### Words of Welcome & Introduction

This is the day that our God has made...

*let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

#### \*Opening Song

“Surely the Presence” #131 (2x)

#### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

### Preparing our Hearts

#### Reading

“The Summer Day”

*Mary Oliver*

#### Special Music

“Bridge Over Troubled Water” *Paul Simon*

#### Reading

“Field Guide” *Tony Hoagland*

### A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*Today’s Pockets of Plenty offering will support The Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance in its work to provide a safe, welcoming and just community for our LGBTQ+ neighbors.*

*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 8:4-8

#### Sermon

“The Prodigal Sower”

### 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

*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

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

### \*Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ  
Alison Betzing, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Diaconate  
Sandy Spellecy | Reader  
Jenn Anderson | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Nancy Pavlenko | 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.

**MONDAY**

Riverside's Earth Camp *"ABCD's of God's Creation"*  
June 23 – 26 10AM -12 PM in the Riverview Room.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Meditative Prayer 3:30 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.

The Dalles Pride March and Resource Fair 10 a.m. Contact  
pastor@riversideucc.com to carpool and/or walk in the parade.  
All are welcome!

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**"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 on Sunday June 29, July 6, 20 & 27. Discounted books  
available at Waucoma. Questions? Contact Ann  
Harris: harris.annj@gmail.com

**"WORSHIP WITH PRIDE" SUNDAY.** Special guest Rev. Miranda  
Bermes. After worship, an exploration of the scripture passages  
frequently used to condemn our LGBTQ + siblings.

**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

**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  
and challenge.  
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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**www.ucc.org**



*"The Parable of The Sower" Miki DeGoodaboom*

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