

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“The Way Knows the Way”

Lindsay Scott & Lisa G. Littlebird

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Call to Worship

“enfleshed” liturgy library

In your image, O God, you created everything and called it good!

In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us.

We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us.

And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim:

Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability.

Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds.

Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.

To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say hallelujah!

Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world,
these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good, very good.

*Opening Song

“Morning Has Broken” #35

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Untidy God”

“enfleshed” liturgy library

Special Music

“Hallelujah” *MaMuse*

Reading

“Praise Be”

enfleshed” liturgy library

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

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sermon

“Queerfully and Wonderfully Made”

Silent Reflection | Song of Response

“Prayers for Freedom” *MaMuse*

A Time of Prayer

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

*The Prayer of Jesus

*as created at Riverside by members of the “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

“For the Healing of the Nations” #621

*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 –Rev. Miranda Bermes | Guest Preacher
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ

Miranda Bermes, Deana Dahl, Beth Hartwell, Pamela Krause, Kalama Reuter,
Tamara Shanon, Kristen Warnock | Vocalists

Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Lorene Murray | Diaconate

Kathy & Stu Watson | Readers

Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System

Ann Harris | 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.

Join Pastor Miranda & Pastor Vicky in the Ruth Wells room for an exploration and discussion of the biblical verses and stories that have often been used to condemn and exclude our LGBTQ+ siblings.

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

July 4th Riverside office is closed.
Join us in the parade to promote the
“*Somos Inmigrantes*” campaign!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 a.m.: Second session of “See No Stranger”
in the Ruth Wells Room. All Are Welcome.

PASTOR VICKY

will be on vacation July 1-11. For assistance during this time, please contact Kathryn in the office.

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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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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June 29, 2025

Worship with Pride Sunday