

*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

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

\*Opening Song  
“This Is the Day” #652

\*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Poetry & Reflection  
“Happy Feelings at the Awakening of  
Finnish Spring”  
*Veikko Antero Koskenniemi  
read by Bonnie New*

Music *Tim Mayer*

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.***

Poetry and Reflection  
“Equity’s Echo” *Darren Tillson & Friend  
read by Darren Tillson*  
“Always in Fear” *Gary Rains  
read by Gary Rains*

Song of Response “Go Down Moses” #618

Poetry and Reflection  
“The Hill We Climb” *by Amanda Gorman  
read by Ann Becker*

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 “This is My Song”  
*Veikko Antero Koskenniemi*  
***This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.***  
***This is my home, the country where my heart is.  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.***  
***But other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***  
***My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.***  
***But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.***  
***O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.***

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response  
Doug Roof | Worship Leader  
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider  
Tim Mayer | Piano  
Alison Betzing & Susan Bell | Diaconate  
Ann Becker, Gary Rains, Bonnie New & Darren Tillson | Readers  
Kathy & Stu Watson | Hospitality  
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System

## Welcome to Riverside Community Church

*United Church of Christ*

**VISITORS** 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. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children’s Time. Those birth to age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs from 10:15 am – 12 noon.

### **THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE** **TODAY**

All are welcome after worship for coffee & conversation in the Riverview Room.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

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

#### **FRIDAY**

Community Action for Peace. Justice seekers of all ages are invited to join an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. 5:00 PM 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**

##### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Worship with friends from Bethel, Universal Unitarians, and Spirit of Grace. 10:30 at Port Marina Park (near History Museum). Potluck following. Please bring chair, a dish to share and utensils. Children’s activities.  
Pop-Up Choir rehearsal at 9:15 am. No experience needed!

#### **SEE NO STRANGER SERIES**

Join Ann Harris in the exploration of this powerful and timely book Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Ruth Wells Room.  
Books available at Waucoma

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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)  
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Sunday, July 6, 2025  
*Poetry Sunday*