

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Musical Centering “Now is the Needed Time”

*Call to Worship

“Blessings in the Chaos”
by Jan Richardson

*Opening Song “This Little Light of Mine!”

*Sharing of the Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Bible Bits & Scripture

Logion 21: Gospel of Thomas
Luke 12:49-56: First Nations Translation

Special Music

“The River is Waiting”

Composed by John Fogarty

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.*

Readings

“Ancestors and Angels”

Drew Dellinger

“For When People Ask”

Rosemary Wahtola Trommer

Sermon

“Listen Now, Speak Now”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response

“Speak Now”

Leslie Odom Jr.

(from One Night in Miami)

A Time of Prayer

Centering 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

“Siyahamba”

*We are Marching, Praying, Singing, Speaking,
Standing... in the Light of God*

*Benediction

Music of Sending Forth

“Amen...Amen...Amen”

Rev. John Boonstra | Guest Preacher – Kathy Watson | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Tim Mayer | Piano - Paul Thompson | Base - Lydia Warren | Guest Musician
Elaine Johnson, Heather Nielsen & Sandy Spellecy | Greeters
Sandy Spellecy, Stu Watson & Bonnie New | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Betty Shalhope, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | 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 Kathy Watson, worship leader, 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.

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 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 WEEK

PASTOR VICKY . . . is on a leave of absence thru August 29.

The Riverside office is closed August 19 -22
If you have an urgent request or need immediate assistance, please contact Kathryn @ 541.380.0327.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER . . .

RCC Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wed, Sept. 2 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary

OWL Parent Orientation Wed., Sept 2 at 6:15 PM
in the Riverview Room

Memorial Service for Linda Rouche Saturday, Sept. 6 at 2 PM

MONTHLY MEAL: FEEDING OUR BODIES, MINDS & SPIRITS

Tuesday, Sept 9th 5 – 7 PM, Riverview Room Gathering with our siblings of faith for food, study & worship.

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 Vicki 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
Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church

Learn more about the United Church of Christ at www.ucc.org

Silent Reflection

*We who have run for our very lives to God,
have every reason to grab steadfast hope with both hands
and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline
reaching past all appearances. Hebrews 6:19*



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