

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Angel Band ”

The Stanley Brothers

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Opening Song

“I Saw The Light ” *Hank Williams*

I saw the light, I saw the light

No more darkness, no more night

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight

Praise the Lord, I saw the light

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Special Music

“Temporary Home”

Chatham Rabbits

Reading

“The Children Are Free” *excerpt*

Rev. Tyler Connoly and Rev. Jeff Minor

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.

Sermon

“Clobbering the Clobber Passages”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #496

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

“Can the Circle Be Unbroken”

The Carter Family

Can the circle be unbroken

By and by, Lord, by and by

Theres a better home a-waiting

In the sky Lord, in the sky

*Benediction

Music of Sending Forth

“I'll Fly Away”

Allison Krauss

Rev. Mary Sue Evers | Guest Preacher – Rev. Vicky Stifter | Mnister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator - Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Stained Glass Bluegrass | Musicians
Elaine J, Sandy Spellecy, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Greeters
Carolyn Welty-Fick & LaJuan Jecker | Readers
Jenn Anderson | Audio Visual & Sound System
Kim Vogel | 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.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

Choir rehearsal begins 7:00 PM in the sanctuary All are welcome!
Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Orientation Night at 6:45 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.

Celebration of Life for Linda Rouches
2 PM in Riverside Church Sanctuary

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Oct 24 – 26: Riverside’s Intergenerational Retreat

A time for family fun, meaningful connections and time spent in nature.

Nov. 7 - 9: 2025 UCC NW Women’s Regional Retreat

Skamania Lodge. To register: visit www.nrwr.org

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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