

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude
“As We Gather” #646

Words of Welcome

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

*Call to Worship
We Arise Today!
Adapted from a prayer by St. Patrick

*Opening Song
“Gather Us In” #649

*Sharing the Peace of Christ
Weave. Weave, Weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave. Weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love

Preparing our Hearts

Reading
“Blessing in the Chaos”
Jan Richardson

Special Music
“Children in the Wilderness”
Gilkyson

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
Jeremiah 18: 1-6 Luke 14:25-33

Sermon
“In the Hands of the Potter”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response
“The Potter’s Hand” #343

Celebration of Holy Communion
This is Christ’s table and all are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you would like to remain seated, raise your hand and we will gladly come to you.

Communion Song
“One Bread, One Body” #689

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
“Here I Am, Lord” #559

*Benediction

Music of Sending Forth

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Kristen Warnock | Vocals & Guitar
Mary Ellen Holmes, Jo Herring, Alison Betzing, Susan Baldwin | Greeters
Gail Lyon & Beth Hartwell | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Dawn and Matt Rankin, Deanne McLaughlin & Darren Tillson | 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 worship leader, Kathy Watson, 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.
Music & Arts Board meets after worship in the Ruth Wells Room.

TUESDAY

Acupuncture Series with Rachel Moore-Beiler 4-6 PM.
Registration information in the Riverview Room.

Monthly Meal: Feeding our Bodies, Minds & Spirits
5 – 7 PM, Riverview Room. A gathering with our siblings of faith for food, study & worship.

WEDNESDAY

An informal ‘Meet N’ Greet’ with musician Lydia Warren
9:00 – 10:00 AM in the Ruth Wells Room. All are welcome.

Adult Ed. & Spiritual Nurture Board meets 10:30 – 12:00
Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Building Maintenance Board meets 11:00 – 12:00 Ruth Wells

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. Please contact Deanne if you can take a shift:
deannemclaughlin@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY

“Welcome Home” Potluck after worship. Bring a dish to share!

CIRCLES OF SOLACE

If you are carrying sadness in your heart due to the loss of a loved one or the state of the world, please join us for this Fall series Oct 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 5:30 – 7 PM. \$55 for the series.
To register, contact office@riversideucc.com

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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“The Potter” Allan Carey

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