Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

All Creatures of our God and King

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #72

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

"Christ Has No Body But Yours"
St. Teresa of Avila

Choral Anthem

"And the Father Will Dance"

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.

Scripture

Acts 2: 42-47 Acts 15: 36-39 I Peter 2: 9-10

Sermon

"And Who Are Your People?"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response

"The Bond of Love" #395

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #393

*Benediction

Choral Response

"Go With Us, Lord" #747

Kathy Watson | Guest Preacher – Kim Vogel | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristin Daly | Nursery Care
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Pam Riedl, James Holloway & Sandy Spellecy | Greeters
Ann Harris | Reader
Jenn Anderson | Audio Visual & Sound System
Alison Betzing & The Callison Family | 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

Children - Please 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 after worship to join for coffee, snacks and conversation in the Riverview Room.

TUESDAY

Acupuncture Series with Rachel Moore-Beitler. 30 min appts from 4-6 PM. Information in the Riverview Room.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM OWL 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 2^{nd} 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

Celebration of St. Francis. Bring your furry, feathered and finned friends. Special offering to support the Rowena Wildlife Clinic.

CIRCLES OF SOLACE

Fall series: Oct 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 5:30 – 7 PM. \$55. To register, contact office@riversideucc.com by October 1st.

Register online or in person!



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 Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church

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