

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“Opening My Eyes” *arr. Taylor*

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song

“I Will Sing of the Mercies” #60

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Wild Geese” *Mary Oliver*

Choral Anthem

“Lead Me Lord” *Becker and Hayes*

Reading

“Thanks” *Ross Gay*

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

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

“Rejoice With Me”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response

“Grace Alone” #436

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

“Amazing Grace!” #422

*Benediction

Choral Response

“Go With Us Lord”

Mary Jackson Cathey

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Pamela Riedl, Susan Baldwin, Mary Ellen Holmes, & Alison Betzing | Greeters
Heather Nielsen & Stu Watson | Readers
Tom Hackett | Audio Visual & Sound System
Yvonne Arbogast and Alison Betzing | 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. Nursery care is not available today.
All are invited for our *Welcome Home* potluck in the Riverview Room after worship.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM
Somos Inmigrantes meeting 4:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Book group meets at Karen Roof's home 10:30 AM

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

Council meets after worship in the Ruth Wells Room

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 Pastor Vicky for this Fall series Oct 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 5:30 – 7 PM. \$55 for the series.
To register, contact office@riversideucc.com

RIVERSIDE AT THE OCEANSIDE!

Save the dates for our all church, all ages retreat at Camp Magruder on Rockaway Beach: October 24-26. Registration and further details available next week.

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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“Lamb With Barley” Meirion Matthias

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