*for those able, please stand

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" #30

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

"God in All Things"

Meister Eckhart

Special Music

"This is my Father's World" arr.Mark Hayes

Reading

"Blessing the Animals"

Jan Richardson

A Time of Offering

Today's Pockets of Plenty offering will support the rescue & rehabilitation work of the Rowena Wildlife Clinic.



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 stand,
strengthened by God's own hand,
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.

Scripture

Psalm 148

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Eat This Bread"

Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; come and be fed, come now and dine. Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; here all are fed, here all may dine.

Celebration of Holy Communion and Blessing of Creatures

This is Christ's table and all are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

You are also welcome to bring your beloved creature, or a photo, for a time of blessing. If mobility is a challenge, please raise your hand and we will come to you.

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace...

in your grace... **Hear Our Prayers**

*The Prayer of St. Francis (insert)

*Closing Song
"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"
(insert)

*Benediction

Music of Sending Forth



Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator - Kristin Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Lydia Warren | Musician
Sandy Spellecy & Donna McCoy| | Diaconate Team
Donna McCoy & Michelina Roth | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual & Sound System
Michelina & David Roth, Karen & Keith Harding | 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 the Children's Time. Birth-Age 4 - Nursery care is available in the Fireside Room from 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.

All are invited to join for coffee, snacks and conversation in the Riverview Room after worship.

> "Orphans of the Living" book reading and signing with Kathy Watson

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM OWL 6:45 PM

THURSDAY

Riverside office closed for re-carpeting

Circles of Solace 5:30 PM

FRIDAY

Riverside office closed for re-carpeting

Last day to register for Camp Magruder Oct 24-26. Register online or in person!



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

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

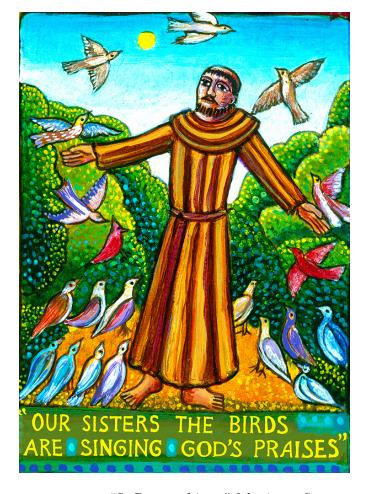
> > Connect & Grow

Men's Discussion Group Monthly Book Group Adult Education Classes Bible Study & Reflection

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



"St. Francis of Assisi" John August Swanson

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 5, 2025