

*\*for those able, please stand*

## Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

## Centering Silence & Prayer

### Prelude

“Follow the Star” *Coats*

### Words of Welcome

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

### \*Opening Song

“Arise, Your Light is Come!” #231

## Preparing our Hearts

### Reading

“Redefine Everything”

*Chelan Harkin*

### Choral Anthem

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

*arr. Simeone*

## A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*God is good .... all the time...  
and all the time...God is good!*



### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen.*

### 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

Philippians 2:5-8   Matthew 16:13-15

### Sermon

“Tell Me Your Story of Jesus”

## Silent Reflection

## Song of Response

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*#347 Verses 1 & 2*

### 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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #581

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Response

"God Be with You"

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister – Guest Preacher Rev. Tyler Connoley  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator  
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director  
Donna McCoy & Sandy Spellecy | Greeters  
Charissa Callison & Gail Lyon | Readers  
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Janet & Leonard Wood | Hospitality

**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. No nursery care today.  
All are invited after worship for a time of coffee, connection & refreshments in the Riverview Room.  
Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

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**RIVERSIDE OFFICE**

Kathryn is on vacation Jan 13 – 20. Limited office hours:  
Tues. 1/13 & Thurs 1/15 12:00 - 3:00 PM | Tues 1/20 1-3 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

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Somos Inmigrantes action in support of our immigrant neighbors. 12th and May Streets. 4 – 5 PM.  
Stop by when you can!

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Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

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**FRIDAY**

Those of all ages are invited to an interfaith gathering for peace with justice in Palestine. 4:30– 5:00 PM at 2<sup>nd</sup> and State streets in Hood River.

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

Gospel Ensemble rehearsal at 9:15 in the Sanctuary.  
Information and discussion in preparation for the Annual Meeting after worship.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION JANUARY 19**

Freedom Choir Rehearsal at 1:45 PM | Panel Discussion at 3 PM  
Musical Celebration at 5 PM | Community Meal at 6:30 PM.

**RCC ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25 AT NOON.**

All Riverside members and friends are invited to participate as we celebrate our ministry in 2025 and make important decisions for the year ahead including leadership, budget, and RCC bylaws. Potluck - bring a dish to share!

**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](mailto:katie@riversideucc.com)

**JUSTICE & WITNESS**

Engaging in advocacy & service  
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 [stjechance@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com)  
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*“Watching & Waiting” Joe Pratt*

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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