

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song

“Gather Us In” #649

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Meditations of the Heart” *(excerpt)*
Howard Thurman

Special Music

“Hold On” *Heidi Wilson*

*Hold on, Hold on
my dear ones, here comes the dawn*

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

Psalm 46 John 12:23-36

Sermon

“Navigating Change”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response

“Carry This All” *Alexandra Blakely*

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.*

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

“Rain Down” #444

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Amen”

African-American Spiritual

Rev. Mary Sue Evers | Guest Preacher – Doug Roof | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristin Daly | Nursery Care
Lydia Warren | Musician
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Elaine Johnson | Greeters
Ann Becker | Reader
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Kim Morton, Lucia Orth & John Head | 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 for a time of coffee, snacks in the Riverview Room.

Pastor Vicky will be away through February 5. For assistance, contact office@riversideucc.com.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 PM

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

Somos Inmigrantes 12th & May Street 4:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

THURSDAY

Circles of Solace 5:30 PM

FRIDAY

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

SEEKING THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

Sundays in Feb. 9:15 – 10:15 in the Ruth Wells Room. Series explores the essential ingredients of a Christian life. To participate or request a book, contact harris.annj@gmail.com

WINTER CIRCLES OF SOLACE SERIES

In the midst of challenging times, all are welcome. Wednesdays in February: 5:30-6:45. \$60. Scholarships available. Register by Feb. 2nd: office@riversideucc.com

WRITING FOR SELF-DISCOVERY

4 – week writing workshop facilitated by Marin Smith & Chelan Harkin. Begins Feb. 21: Saturdays, 10-12 at Riverside Church. Early bird rate \$85 before Feb. 7th. Sign up using code below or contact: emarinsmith@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

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, The Current
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
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Rafting on the White Salmon River

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