



*for those able, please stand

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Introduction to Offerings of Love

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

*Call to Worship We Arise Today!

Adapted from a Prayer by St. Patrick

*Opening Song “The First Noel” vs 1-3 #229

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Offering of Love “Home by Another Way”

James Taylor

Reading

“For Those Who Have Far to Travel”

Jan Richardson

Offerings of Love

“Moonlight Sonata”

Beethoven
Silverton Gebhard

“I Just Can’t Wait to be King”

Elton John & Tim Rice
Louisa Gebhard

A Time of Offering & Announcements

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

*A partridge in a pear tree, 2 turtle doves, 3 french hens,
4 calling birds, 5 Gold Rings, 6 geese a laying,
7 swans a swimming, 8 maids a milking, 9 ladies dancing,
10 lords a leaping, 11 pipers piping,
12 drummers drumming.*

*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

Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Offerings of Love

“Clair de Lune” Debussy
Annelisa Gebhard

“Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree”

Levne & Brown
Karen Harding

Offerings of Love

“A Safe Place to Land”

Sara Bareilles and Lori McKenna
Molly Fauth & Jennifer Hackett

Celebration of 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

“The First Noel” vs 4,5 #22

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Amen”

African American Spiritual

Rev. Vicki Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator
Lydia Warren | Piano & Vocals

Ruby & Alison Betzing, Susan Bell & Lizz O'Bannon | Diaconate
Bonnie New & Beth Hartwell | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Jeannie & Steve Chance and The Lytle Family | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church
United Church of Christ

GUESTS We are blessed to worship with you today. Thank you for the gift of your presence. We invite you to fill out a "welcome card" and place it in the offering plate.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children of all ages at Riverside. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time. Those birth-age 4 are invited to the nursery, located in the Fireside Room from 10:15 am - 12 noon.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE
TODAY

All are welcome after worship for coffee, connection & refreshments in the Riverview Room.
Music & Arts Board meets in the Ruth Wells Room

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:30 | Meditative Prayer 3:30
Somos Inmigrantes at 12th & May Streets 4 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30

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.

SATURDAY

Celebration of Life for Jerry Mohar at 2 PM.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION JANUARY 19

Riverside hosts a community-wide celebration of the life & legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Workshop at 3 PM | Freedom Choir Rehearsal at 1:45 PM
Celebration at 5 PM | Community Meal at 6:30 PM.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL 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!

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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 stjchance@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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"Wise Women also Came" Jan Richardson

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Epiphany Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026