

*\*for those able, please stand*

## Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

## Centering Silence & Prayer

### Prelude

“God of Grace” *Manz*

### Words of Welcome

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

### \*Opening Song

“Many and Great” #26

## Preparing our Hearts

### Reading

“Dead Stars” *Ada Limón*

### Choral Anthem

“O Bless the Lord” *Martin*

### Reading

“Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander”  
*(excerpt) Thomas Merton*

## 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

Isaiah 58: 1-11 Matthew 5: 13-16

### Sermon

“Salty & Luminous”

## Silent Reflection

## Song of Response <sup>2x</sup>

*Here are our hearts. Here are our hands.  
Here are our lives. Use them as You can.*

*Show us those who hurt.*

*Show us those in need.*

*Show us how to serve.*

*Teach us how to see.*

## 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

“Song for the Nations” #563 vs 1-3

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Response

“Go With Us Lord”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Steve Chance | Youth Program Volunteer  
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ – Lydia Warren | Guest Choir Conductor  
Sharon Scott, Bill Light & Donna McCoy | Greeters  
Barbara Grant & Susan Denzer Debonis | Readers  
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Karen & Doug Roof, Kim Vogel, Susan Denzer-Debonis | 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 Steve Chance 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, connection & refreshments in the Riverview Room.

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Garden Design options available for viewing.  
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Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

**TUESDAY**  
All are welcome for dinner and spiritual nourishment with friends from Spirit of Grace and Bethel UCC.  
5-7 p.m. in the Riverview Room.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM  
Somos Inmigrantes 12<sup>th</sup> & May Streets 4:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and State streets in Hood River.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
“Seeking the Heart of Christianity” 9:15 AM  
Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal 9:15 AM

**INQUIRER’S GATHERING**  
Are you new to Riverside? Would like to learn more about this community of faith? If so, please join Pastor Vicky and Moderator Bob on Feb. 21 @ 9:30-noon. We’ll gather over coffee, tea and refreshments for a time of exploration and connection. RSVP by Feb 15 [pastor@riversideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riversideucc.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](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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*“Salt + Light”*

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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