

*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 *2x*

*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. Vicki 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.

Garden Design options available for viewing.

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 12th & 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 2nd 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

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 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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“Salt + Light”

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