

**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

“Holy Ground” 2x #654

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Walk Slowly” *Danna Fauld*

Gospel Ensemble

“Stand by Me”

King, Leiber & Stoller

Reading

“Transfigured”

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*Today's special offering will benefit the Black in the Gorge
scholarship fund as part of Riverside's Musical
Reparations Project*

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



Offertory

“This Little Light of Mine”

African American Spiritual

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

Exodus 24:12-18 Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

“Mountaintop Mystery”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response 2x

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
meld me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me*

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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #574

*Benediction

Congregational Response

“Amen”

African-American Spiritual

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristin Daly | Nursery Care
Lydia Warren | Piano & Gospel Ensemble Director
James Holloway, Pam Riedl & Sandy Spellecy | Greeters
Elaine Thompson & Anna Diem | Readers
Kim Vogel & Owen Summersett | Audio Visual & Sound System
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Kathryn Murray | 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 in the Riverview Room.

Music & Arts Board meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

TUESDAY

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM

Somos Inmigrantes at 12th & May Streets 4 PM

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 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.

SATURDAY

“Writing for Self- Discovery” A 4-week writer’s workshop with Marin Smith & Chelan Harkin. Begins Feb. 21st
To register, contact emarinsmith@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY

First Sunday in Lent

“Seeking the Heart of Christianity” Ruth Wells Room. 9:15 AM.
All are welcome.

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 today. 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 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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“Transfiguration” *Lewis Bowman*

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