



**for those able, please stand*

Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

“If Not But Suffer God” Manz

Words of Welcome

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

***Opening Song**

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” #655

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

*“Catch Us in Our Scuffling”
adapted from a prayer by Ted Loder*

Choral Anthem

*“Lead Me Lord”
Becker and Hayes*

Reading

“Ash Thursday” Michael Coffey

A Time of Offering & Announcements

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

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Song of Response (2x)

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*



A Time of Prayer & Ashes

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayer

You are invited to place a stone at the foot of the cross as a symbol of your prayer and/or that which you would like to let go of during this season of Lent.

***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**

*“Throughout These Lenten Days and Night”
Verses 1-3 #250*

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

“Go Now In Peace”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Tertia King & Steve Chance, Sunday School Volunteers
Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Chancel Choir Director
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Elaine Johnson | Greeters
Heather Nielsen, Adam & Joy Brake | Readers
Gail Lyon, Kitsy Stanley & Vicky Stifter | Hospitality
Owen Summersett | Audio Visual & Sound System

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

Ages 5+ - Join Tertia King 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 for coffee and connection in the Riverview Room after worship.

Adult Ed & Spiritual Nurture meets in the Ruth Wells Room

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst | 2:30 PM
Meditative Prayer | 3:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 PM
Somos Inmigrantes | 4:00 PM

THURSDAY

Circles of Solace | 5:30 PM

FRIDAY

Community Action for Peace in Gaza | 5:00 – 5:30 PM
2nd & State streets

SATURDAY

Men's Group meets | 9-11 AM
Writer's Workshop | 10 AM -12 PM

RESISTENCE SINGING!

Join us at noon next Sunday for an hour of powerful, timely resistance songs with local singer Rachel Moore-Beitler.
Strengthen your spirit, unite our community.
All ages welcome!

LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER & MEDITATION

Join us in the Riverside sanctuary at 6:30 on March 5, 12 and 19 for a peaceful, meditative time of prayer, music and

candle lighting.

**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.

The UCC is a denomination committed to justice since the abolitionist movement of the 1800s. Learn more: www.ucc.org

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, connection and health challenges
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 pastor@riversideucc.com

CONNECT & GROW

Men's Discussion Group
Monthly Book Group
Adult Education Classes
Tuesday Bible Study & Reflection

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church

A Time of Stillness

During this holy season of Lent, you are invited to dwell in the peace and stillness of the sanctuary prior to the start of the worship service. If you would like to engage in conversation, you are welcome to use the Riverview Room.



Briton Rivière - The Temptation in the Wilderness

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent