

*\*for those able, please stand*



### 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!*

### \*Call to Worship

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Holy One*  
*Inspired by Psalm 95*

### \*Opening Song

*"Rain Down" #444*

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

### Preparing our Hearts

### Reading

*"In Blackwater Woods" Mary Oliver*

### Choral Anthem

*"Lead Me, Lord" Becker and Hayes*

### A Time of Offering & Opportunity

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.*

### Sermon

*"Reaping, Sowing...and Grumbling"*

### 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

*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

*"Healer of Our Every Ill" #630*

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Response

*"Ubi Caritas"*

Kathy Watson | Guest Preacher & Worship Leader  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator & Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director – Dawn Rankin | Flute  
Stu Watson, Adam Brake, Steve & Jeannie Chance | Greeters  
Barbara Grant & Bonnie New | Readers  
Owen Summersett | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Deanne McLaughlin & Lori Sobrero | Hospitality  
Molly Fauth | Financial Secretary

## Welcome to Riverside Community Church United Church of Christ

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 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 for coffee and connection in the Riverview  
Room after worship.

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Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:30 PM

Meditative Prayer | Ruth Wells Room | 3:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | RCC Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

Somos Inmigrantes | 12<sup>th</sup> & May Streets | 4:00 PM

### FRIDAY

Community Action for Peace in Gaza | 2<sup>nd</sup> & State | 5:00–5:30

### SATURDAY

Writer's Workshop | Ruth Wells Room | 10 AM – 12 PM

### LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER & MEDITATION

Join us Thursday March 12 and 19 at 6:30 PM for a peaceful,  
meditative time of prayer, music & candle lighting.

### "THIS SWEET EARTH: Walking With Our Children in the Age of Climate Collapse"

Parents, grandparents and all who love children are invited to  
a two-part exploration of the themes in this important book.

March 13 & April 10 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Dinner & childcare provided. Discounted copies of the book  
are available today in the Riverview Room.

### PASTOR VICKY IS AWAY THROUGH MARCH 12.

For assistance, please contact Kathryn at 541.386.1412.

### 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](http://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](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,  
connection and health challenges

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

Tuesday Bible Study & Reflection

### STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*

Sign up at [kathy@hungerchronicles.com](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com)

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## 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.*



## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2026

*Third Sunday in Lent*