

*\*for those able, please stand*

## Lighting of Candles

## Centering Silence & Prayer

### Prelude

“Mercy Now” *Mary Gauthier*

### Words of Welcome

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

### \*Opening Song

“Over My Head”

*African-American Spiritual*

***Over my head, I hear music in the air (3x) . . .***

***There must be a God somewhere.***

***v.1 I hear singing... v.2 I see trouble...***

***v. 3 I see Jesus...***

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

## Preparing our Hearts

### Reading

“The Peace of Wild Things”

*Wendell Berry*

### Gospel Ensemble

“God in the Rubble” *Ike Ndolo*

## A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*Today’s Pockets of Plenty offering will support UCC ministry partners across the globe through One Great Hour of Sharing. OGHS funds critical work related to education, health care, disaster relief, and refugee assistance.*

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



### Offertory

“Walk With Me Lord”

*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 20:8-11 Isaiah 58:13-14

### Sermon

“Re-member the Sabbath”

### 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

*Meditation on the Aramaic translations of Neil Douglas-Klotz by Karen Joy Warnock Harding*

***O Breathing Life of all creation, in whom is heaven,  
We seek to live your holy breath, knowing You in our  
deepest heart. Ripen your kingdom in and among all  
beings. May Your Heart desire, unite heaven and  
earth though our harmony. Grant what we need each  
day in food, and understanding; And so untangle the  
knots within, that we may mend our heart’s simple  
ties to others. Deceived by neither outer or inner  
experience, free us to walk our path with joy.  
In you, we ever bless the sacred song of creation.  
Ameyn —may this be the grounding from which all  
our actions flow.***

### \*Congregational Response

“Amen”

*African-American Spiritual*

Pastor Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator & Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Lydia Warren, Tim Mayer, Paul Thompson and  
Riverside’s Gospel Ensemble | Musicians  
Kathryn Murray, Doug Roof, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Greeters  
Sandy Spellecy & Andrea Kaplowe | Readers  
Owen Summersett | Audio Visual & Sound System  
The Callison Family, Betty & Don Shalhope | Hospitality  
Bob Dorband | 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.

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All are invited for coffee and connection in the Riverview  
Room after worship.

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### TREASURES FOR THE TAKING

Visit the table in the Riverview Room & take a treasure!

All are invited to join Katie Cook & Pastor Vicky at 12:15 in  
the Fireside Room for a roundtable discussion  
about youth ministry at RCC.

#### 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

#### THURSDAY

Lenten Taizé – a peaceful, meditative time of prayer,  
music & candle lighting | 6:30 PM

#### FRIDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY: ADULT EDUCATION

Join Pastor Vicky for an exploration of Sabbath-keeping.  
9:15 AM in the Ruth Wells Room.

### 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)  
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.*



*"Sabbath Flowers" Binyamin Basteker*

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
United Church of Christ  
**SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2026**  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*