

**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!

Procession & Opening Song

“Hosanna” #266

*Call to Worship

*Blessed Be the One Who Comes
in the Name of Love!*

Blessing of Palms, Jan Richardson (adapted)

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Coming to the City Nearest You”

Carol Penner (adapted)

Special Music

A Time of Offering & Announcements

God is good *all the time...*

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

*Today’s Pockets of Plenty offering, will help The Next Door
& Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance purchase binders for
transgender individuals, especially youth.*



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 stand,
strengthened by God’s own hand,
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.*

Bible Bits & Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

“In the Name of Love”

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

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

“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty!”

#268 (verses 1,3, & 5)

Benediction

*You are welcome to be seated after the benediction or
quietly depart the sanctuary.*

Postlude

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Reverend Vicky Stifter | Pastor
Katie Cook | Youth Program Director | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Lydia Warren | Piano, Organ & Vocals
Susan Bell, Kathy O’Neil & Ann Becker | Greeters
Steve Chance & Donna McCoy | Readers
Owen Summersett | Audio Visual & Sound System
Dawn & Matt Rankin, Megan Sturdy | Hospitality
Tim Foley | Financial Secretary

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.

Sign making for 2 PM procession

Visit the *Treasures Table* for the taking of treasures!

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 | 12th & May Streets | 4:00 PM

FRIDAY

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

EASTER LILLIES

Remember a loved one this Easter! Limited quantities.
Contact office@riversideucc.com to purchase. \$20 each.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 18 | 5 PM

“Honoring Pastor Vicky’s Legacy & Celebrating Retirement”

Readings, Reflections, Music & More
Refreshments following

**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

*During this holy season in 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.*



“Palm Sunday” Jen Norton

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

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