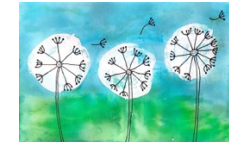


**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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*\*for those able, please stand*

**Gathering Music & Flowering of the Cross**

**Centering Silence & Prayer**

**Prelude**

Fanfare and Statement on “Lianfair”

*Broughton*

**Words of Welcome**

Christ is Risen . . . ***Christ is Risen Indeed!***

***Alleluia!***

**\*Call to Worship**

***Christ is Risen Indeed!***

*Adapted from a poem by Ted Loder*

**\*Opening Song & Procession of the Cross**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #288

**\*Sharing God’s Peace**

**Preparing Our Hearts**

**Reading**

“If Darwin Prayed”

*Bruce Sanguin*

**Choral Anthem**

“God Thou Art Love”

*Courtney & Browning*

**Reading**

“Listen to the Mustn’ts”

*S. Silverstein*

**Children’s Choir**

“Jesus Loves Me”

**A Time of Offering & Opportunity**

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

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

**Offertory & Choral Anthem**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Raney*

**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**

John 20:1-18

**Sermon**

“While it Was Still Dark”

**Silent Reflection**

**Song of Response**

“Alleluia” #316 (vs one, 2x)

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

*This is Christ’s table and all are welcome. Please come  
forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

*If you would like to remain seated, raise your hand and  
we will gladly come to you.*

**Welcome to Riverside Community Church**  
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**A Time of Prayer**

**\*The Prayer of Jesus**

*(From J. Philip Newell's "Celtic Mass for Peace")*

***Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be ours, our longings in heart and action.***

***May there be food for the human family today, for the whole earth community.***

***Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us.***

***Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings.***

***For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever.***

***Amen.***

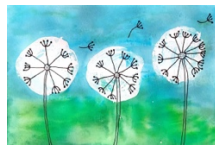
**\*Closing Song**

**"The Day of Resurrection" #298**

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**



Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister

Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide, Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director - Riverside Chancel Choir

Kate Dougherty | Trumpet - George Economou | Bagpipes

Jo Herring & Pam Riedl | Children's Choir Directors

Steve & Jeannie Chance, Tim Foley,

Alison Betzing, Donna McCoy, Elaine Johnson | Greeters

Abi Lytle, Rev., John Boonstra, Elaine Thompson | Readers

Rev. John Boonstra | Communion Co-Celebrant

Sandy Spellecy, Elaine & Paul Thompson,

Karen & Keith Harding | Hospitality

Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual & Sound System

**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

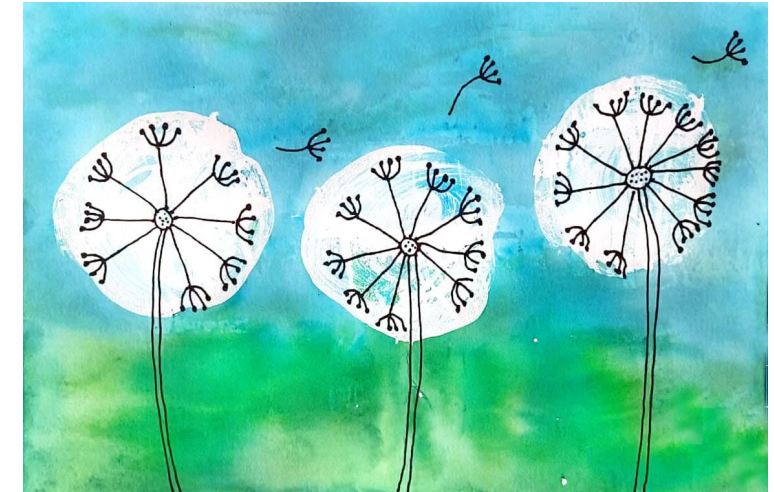
Adult Education Classes

Tuesday Bible Study & Reflection

**STAY CONNECTED**

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*

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



*Artwork by Kathy Barbro*

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**EASTER**

**April 5, 2026**



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