

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

*United Church of Christ*

*\*for those able, please stand*

**Gathering Music**

**Centering Silence & Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Hallelujah! What a Savior!” *Bliss*

**Words of Welcome**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

*Alleluia* *Pedro Casaldaliga*

**\*Opening Song**

“Shout for Joy, Loud and Long” #304

**\*Sharing God’s Peace**

**Preparing Our Hearts**

**Reading**

“Messenger” *Mary Oliver*

**Special Music**

“In the Garden” *Miles*

**A Time of Offering & Opportunity**

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

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen.*

**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 20:19-23

**Poetry & Words of Reflection**

**Silent Reflection**

**Song of Response**

“Alleluia” #316 (*vs one, 2x*)

**A Time of Prayer**

God in Your Grace . . . *Hear Our Prayers*

**\*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**

“Now the Green Blade Rises” #311

**\*Benediction**

**Music of Sending Forth**

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister – Chelan Harkin | Guest Preacher  
Steve Chance | Youth Program Volunteer | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Lydia Warren | Piano, Organ & Vocals  
Karen & Doug Roof, Jo Herring, Elaine Johnson | Greeters  
Frank Haskell & Kathy Watson | Readers  
Marbe Cook & the Bingener Family | Hospitality  
Kim Vogel | Audio-Visual & Sound System  
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 Steve Chance 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 refreshments and connection in the Riverview Room after worship.

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Information table about bond / levy measures for Hood River pool & parks.

Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

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**WEDNESDAY**

Building Maintenance Board | Riverview | 10:30 AM

Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:00 PM

Meditative Prayer | Ruth Wells Room | 3:30 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | RCC Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY**

Book group meets at 10:30 AM at Karen Roof's home for at discussion of "Unforeseen" by Molly Gloss.

**FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

*"Honoring Pastor Vicky's Legacy & Retirement"*

Readings, Reflections, Music & More in the sanctuary.

Refreshments following. 5:00 PM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Gospel Ensemble rehearsal at **9:00 AM** in the sanctuary.

All are welcome.

Pockets of Plenty Offering: Laundry Love

**Welcome to Riverside Community Church**

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**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)



*"Peace Be With You" Kit Tossman*

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April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter