

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence

Prelude

“Turn Your Radio On”

Words of Welcome

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

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Response:

Great is your name, great is your love

Please be seated.

Opening Song

“Keep on the Sunny Side” *(rejoice in hope)*

Sharing God’s Peace

Please be seated.

Reading

“The Blessing of Hope”

Jan Richardson

Special Music

“Wayfaring Stranger”

(be patient in affliction)



A Time of Opportunity & Offering

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



Please stand as you are able.

***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.*

Offertory Prayer

Please be seated

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.*

Preparing our Hearts

Scripture

Romans 12: 9-21

Sermon

“Wanted: More People Who Look Like Jesus”

Song of Response

“Red Clay Halo” *(associate with the lowly)*

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayers

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer of Jesus

(Ecumenical version alt)

*Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen*

Please be seated.

Closing Song

“Church in the Wildwood”

(live in harmony with one another)

Benediction

Sending Forth

“They’re Holding Up the Ladder”

(outdo one another in showing honor)

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristin Daly | Nursery
Tony Fuentes - Beard & Banjo | Guest Musicians
Alison Betzing, Lynne Davidson, Sandy Spellecy | Greeters
Sandy Spellecy | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Kim Vogel, Karen & Doug Roof | Hospitality
Kim Vogel | Financial Secretary



If you are a newcomer to Riverside ~ we invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Beth after worship.

This Week at Riverside:

TODAY

Ages 5+ - Join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time.
Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care is available in the Fireside Room from
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.

All are invited for a time of refreshment and connection in the
Riverview Room after the service.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:00 PM

SOMOS INMIGRANTES Recurring rally: Second and fourth
Wednesdays at 12th and May Streets in Hood River. 4-5 pm.

FRIDAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADULT SMALL GROUP SERIES: “RE-SHAPED WHAT WE’RE MADE FOR”

Pastor Beth leads a series on change and how we’re built for it. 9
AM on Sunday Sept., 6, 13, 20 & 27 Ruth Wells Room.
All are welcome.

SOMOS INMIGRANTES @ FIRST FRIDAY SEPT 4 6-8 PM

To volunteer, contact Deanne at 818-404-4687.

NEXT SUNDAY

Music & Arts Board meets. Ruth Wells Room. 12 noon

“THESE SACRED HILLS” A FILM SCREENING SEPT 18

Columbia Riverkeepers & RCC’s Justice & Witness Board host an
award-winning film 5:30 – 9 PM. Riverview Room.
Dinner included. Donations gratefully accepted.



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 Kathryn: office@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
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