



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence

Prelude

“Prelude No. 1 in C Major” *JS Bach*

Words of Welcome

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

Please stand.

Opening Song

“Change My Heart Oh God” #373

Opening Prayer

Sharing God’s Peace

Please be seated.

Reading

“Start Close In” *David Whyte*

Special Music

“After All” *Duncan Krummel*

Time of Opportunity & Offering

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

Offertory

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

Matthew 14: 22-31a (The Message)

Sermon

“Take the First Step”
Pray-Doh Contemplation

Please stand as you are able.

Song of Response

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

Please be seated.

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace... Hear Our Prayers

“Ready for a Change”

*Take this broken spirit, create in me a clean heart,
heal this wounded healer and point me to the good road.
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change,
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I’m ready for a change.*

*Wipe away these tears, Lord, and end my night of weeping,
wash away the old ways, replace my pain with your joy!
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change.
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I’m ready for a change.*

*Give my life a new start, and plant in me a fresh
seed that grows and blossoms into the fruit of blessing.*



Pastoral Prayer

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*

Sung Response

*Wipe away these tears, Lord, and end my night of weeping,
wash away the old ways, replace my pain with your joy!
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change,
Lord, I’m ready for a change, only you can make me change,
only you can make me change, Lord, I’m ready for a change.*

Please stand.

Closing Song

“Step by Step” #494

Benediction

Postlude

“Arietta” *Edvard Grieg*

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Minister
Andrea & Dave Kaplowe | Youth Program Volunteers – Kristen Daley | Nursery
Duncan Krummel | Piano & Vocals
Gean Rains, Elaine Johnson & Ann Becker | Greeters
Kim Vogel | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Susan Bell, Dawn & Matt Rankin | 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 Andrea & Dave Kaplowe 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
OWL Teen Sexuality Class | 6:30 PM

Thursday

Cheers Team | Ruth Wells Room | 10:30 AM

FRIDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Blessing of the Animals. Bring your two and four-legged friends.
Pastor Beth preaches. Music with Lydia Warren.
Music & Arts Board meets after worship.

FISH FOODBANK

Riverside volunteers at FISH Oct 19th 21st & 23rd –
Volunteers needed MWF 2:45-5 pm Friday 2:45-5 PM.
To volunteer, please contact elainetho56@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. David Kelly directing, Lydia Warren accompanying.

ANNUAL RIVERSIDE RETREAT AT CAMP MAGRUDER OCT 23-25:

“Becoming Rooted: Reconnecting with the Sacred Earth”

\$165 pp, \$80 teens. Children under 12 are free. Scholarship available. Registration forms available in the Riverview Room or via scan code below. Early Bird Pricing before Oct 11!



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

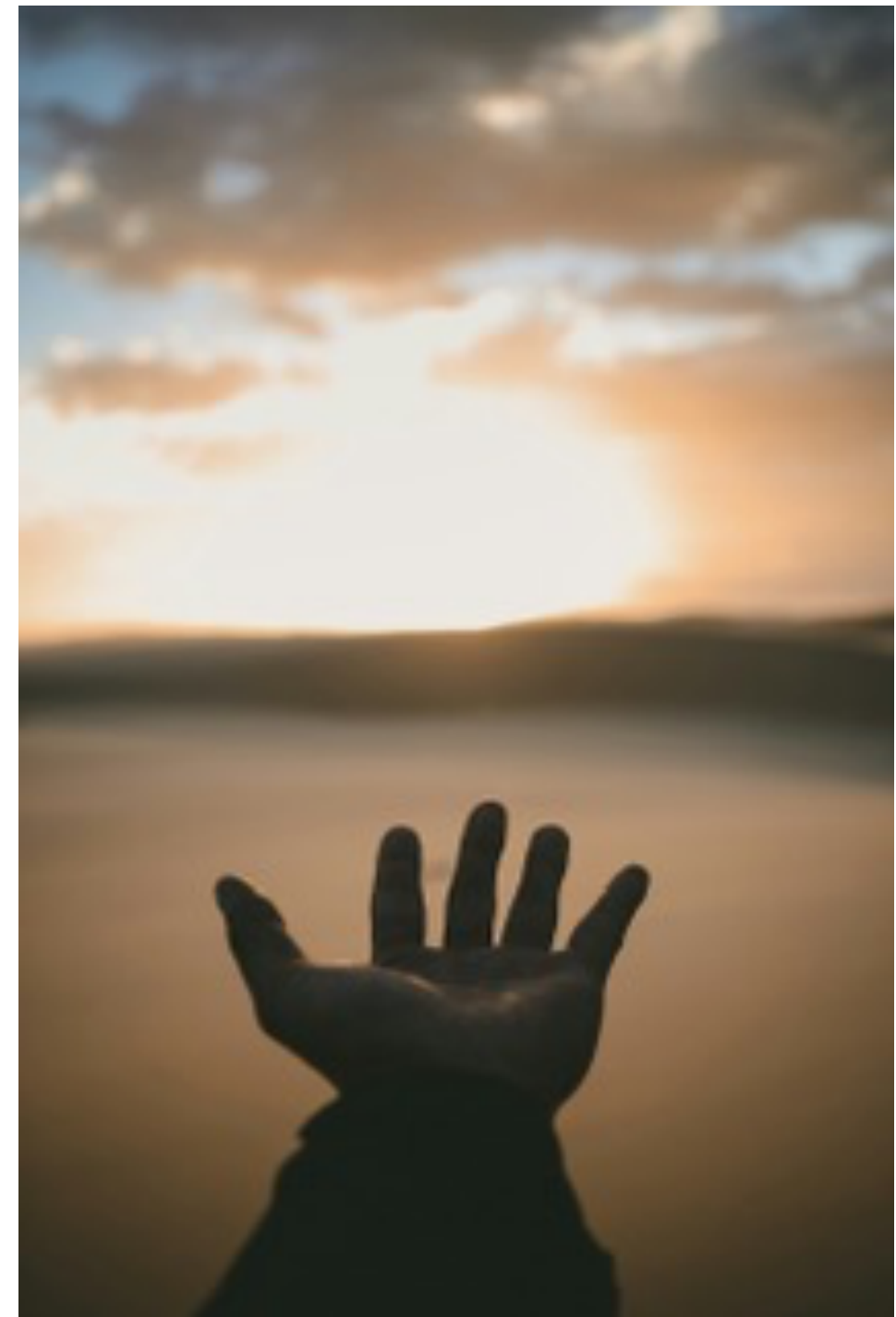
Providing meals and support during times of transition, connection and health challenges
Contact Kathryn: office@riversideucc.com

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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