Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome

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

Centering Silence

Prelude

Call to Worship
(inspired by Psalm 98)

Please stand as you are able

One: From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

Left Side: ***Let the electrons circle their nuclei,***
Right Side: ***Let the earth spin on its axis,***

Left Side: ***Let the moons orbit the planets,***
Right Side: ***Let the planets orbit the Sun,***

Left Side: ***Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy***,
Right Side: ***Let the galaxies revolve around their Creator,***

All: ***Together for joy!***

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Opening Hymn
"Sing a New Song"
#10

Sharing the Peace of Christ
Please be seated

Reading
"Welcome Morning"
by Anne Sexton

Special Music

Time of Opportunity and Offering
Today's Pockets of Plenty offering will support the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries annual free Thanksgiving Community Meal

Together for Joy
Kim Vogel

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

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 25:1-13

Sermon
"Keeping Faith Deep into the Night"

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of Response
"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

v.1 ***Keep your lamps trimmed and burning*** *(3x)*

Chorus: *Sisters, don't grow weary, brothers, don't grow weary, children don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.*

v. 2. ***It's our faith makes us happy.***
v. 3. ***We are climbing Jacob's ladder***
4. Every round goes higher, higher.

A Time of Prayer
God in your grace…***hear our 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

Closing Song
"The Trees of the Field"
#710

Benediction

Music of Going Forth

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Pastor
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daley | Nursery
Tim Mayer | Piano
Sandy Spellecy, Pam Riedl, Kathy O'Neil | Greeters
LaJuan Jecker | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Donna McCoy & Pam Riedl | Hospitality
Birdie Hartwell | Financial Secretary

If you are a newcomer to Riverside ~ **WELCOME!**
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+ - 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.

Church Council meets after the service.

Riverside's Annual Giving Campaign begins!
"Together for Joy" Please return pledge cards by December 6th.
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WEDNESDAY
Veterans Day. Riverside Church office is closed.
Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:00 PM
Somos Inmigrante | 13th & May Streets | 4:00 PM
OWL Teen Sexuality Class | Riverview Room | 6:30 PM
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THURSDAY
Cheers Team meets | Ruth Wells Room | 10:30 AM
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FRIDAY
Community Action for Peace in Gaza | 2nd & State | 5:00–5:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY
INQUIRER'S GATHERING. 9:30 AM. RUTH WELLS ROOM.
Are you curious about Riverside Church and what more goes on behind our purple doors? If so, contact Pastor@riversideucc.com to learn about membership at Riverside.
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Music with Tim Mayer and the Gospel Ensemble.

THANKGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL | 12-2 PM
Volunteers needed from food prep and hospitality to clean up.
Come join us and enjoy a meal too. Scan below to volunteer!

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*
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