

## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*\*for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "Tis a Gift to be Simple" arr. Rodriguez

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

\*Opening Song "Praise and Thanksgiving" #722

\*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Readings "In The Storm" Mary Oliver "Say Wow!" Chelan Harkin

Choral Anthem "I Believe" Miller

Blessed to be a Blessing Stu & Kathy Watson

A Time of Offering & Announcements  
God is good....**all the time**...and all the time...**God is good**

Offertory "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"  
**v.1—live... v.2—sing... v.3—give**

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 Psalm 23 John 18:33-37

Sermon "We Shall Not Want"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Thank you Lord" #365

A Time of Celebration Karen Harding, Yvonne Arbogast

A Time of Prayer **God in your grace.....hear our prayers**

\*The Prayer of Jesus

***Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*Closing Song "With Grateful Joy" Richard Buxvoort Colligan

***With grateful joy for You, the Source of all life,  
We raise one voice to You, from whom all blessings flow,  
You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life,  
The good Sustainer of life, we live in You.***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response "Amen" African American Spiritual

### WELCOME!

**VISITORS** We are blessed to worship with you today and invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY** Children 5+ are invited to join Katie for Sunday School after the Children's Time. The nursery is located downstairs inside the Fireside Room and available 10:15 am until noon for children birth – age 4

**TODAY AT RIVERSIDE** Kristin Warnock invites music lovers to meet with her in the sanctuary after worship for 30 minutes of vocal coaching. No experience necessary! Church Council meets in the Riverview Room at noon.

### **THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE**

- Bible Study with Pastor Vicky on Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 at Down Manor. All are welcome.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 in the sanctuary.
- Volunteers still needed to prepare & deliver food on Thanksgiving. Contact Gean Rains today if you can help: 541-806-0900.

**NEXT SUNDAY** First Sunday of Advent. Music by Tim Mayer and the Gospel Ensemble. All who would like to sing invited to rehearsal in the sanctuary at 9:15am. Greening of the Church after worship.

**BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING** Your generous giving provides the foundation for our ministries of healing, justice making and extravagant love. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you will contribute in the coming year and return your pledge card by November 28<sup>th</sup>. Extra materials available in the back of the sanctuary.

**Rev. Vicky Stifter, Pastor**  
**Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator**  
**Kristin Warnock, Musician**  
**Elaine Johnson & Sandy Spellecy, Diaconate Team**  
**Diana Beterbide, Pianist/Organist & Choir Director**  
**Gail Lyon & Gary McFarlen, Readers**  
**Dave Roth & Kathryn Murray, Audio-Visual & Sound System**



## Welcome to Riverside Community Church.

United Church of Christ

*We are blessed by your presence.*

*Bienvenidos a la iglesia Riverside. Su presencia es una bendición para nosotros.*

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community of people who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus: loving our neighbors, doing justice and sharing the extravagant welcome of God with the whole of creation.

We are an “Open and Affirming” congregation—affirming the full inclusion of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons (LGBTQ+) in the church's life and ministry.

We are an “Immigrant Welcoming” congregation—called by our faith to stand together with our undocumented and documented immigrant brothers & sisters and their families.

We seek to honor and protect the gifts of God's creation—divesting our financial resources from the fossil fuel industry, reinvesting in renewable energy and striving to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Riverside's youth ministry team supports: Sunday School, a children's choir, teen groups, and Our Whole Lives (OWL)—a comprehensive human sexuality program. *Contact Youth Leader Katie Cook at 541.980.0505 or [katie@riversideucc.com](mailto:katie@riversideucc.com).*

Our Justice and Witness & Immigrant Welcoming teams promote engagement with the Warming Shelter, FISH Food Bank, Somos Uno, Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. *Contact Heather Nielsen at 541.400.0478 or [heather@healthyconnectionsshr.com](mailto:heather@healthyconnectionsshr.com)*

Our "Cheers" team offers care, comfort and meals to those with health, aging issues, new parenthood or other transitions. *Contact Pastor Vicky if you have a need: 541.386.1412 / [pastor@riverssideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riverssideucc.com)*

More ways to connect, learn and feed the spirits of those of all ages: Men's Discussion Group, monthly book group, adult education classes and a Tuesday Bible study & reflection group. *Contact The office at 541.386.1412 or [office@riversideucc.com](mailto:office@riversideucc.com) for more information.*

Riverside is one of more than 5,000 communities of faith that make up the “**United Church of Christ**” (UCC). The UCC has been on the cutting edge of justice movements in the U.S. since its work to abolish slavery in the 1800's.

*For more information about Riverside  
contact the church office at 541-386-1412 OR [office@riversideucc.com](mailto:office@riversideucc.com)  
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*Sunday, November 21, 2021*

