

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
January 9, 2022

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude Meditation on "How Great Thou Are" *arr. Carter*

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

*Opening Song "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #231

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading "Epiphany" *Walter Brueggemann*

Offerings of Love "Audience with Portlandia" David Warnock
"Carol of the Little Star" *Haviland & Nichols*
Molly Fauth & Jen Hackett
"New Day's Lyric" *Amanda Gorman* Delany Hackett

Blessed to Be a Blessing *OWL Program Facilitators* Katie Cook

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

Offertory/Offerings of Love "Pastoral" *Granadas*

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 Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Showing Up"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Gloria, Gloria" #240

Offering of Love "The Web" *Alison Hawthorne Deming* Keith Harding

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

*The Prayer of Jesus *As created by members of Riverside's "Greatest Prayer" reflection group*

O Giver of all life, clear a space within us for your light to dwell. Create your holy reign of justice and love here today, on Earth, through our fiery hearts and willing hands. Give us the bread and strength we need for this day. Forgive us the harm that we do to all that you love, as we forgive those who harm us. And lead us not into numbness, distraction, or greed, but bring us back from our fears. For You are the source of all that is good and holy—now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Song "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #233 (*verses 1,2 & 5*)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Amen" *African American Spiritual*

WELCOME!

VISITORS We are blessed to worship with you today. Thank you for the gift of your presence. We invite you to fill out a "welcome card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY We joyfully welcome children of all ages at Riverside. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie for Sunday School after the Children's Time. Those birth-age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs inside the Fireside Room and available 10:15 am until noon.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE

- Bible Study with Pastor Vicky 10:30-11:30 on Tuesday at Down Manor. All are welcome.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm in the sanctuary.
- "Mom's Night Out" Thursday at 7pm, hosted by Katie Cook: 1522 Lincoln St. A time of connection, dessert, drink and laughter for moms of children birth-high school.
- Worship at 10:30 on January 16. Music by Tim Mayer & The Gospel Ensemble. Those who would like to sing invited to rehearsal at 9:15 in the sanctuary. No experience necessary.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AWARD The Riverside Justice & Witness Board seeks nominations for the 2022 RCC "Celebration of Service Award". The award will be given to a member or friend of Riverside to honor his or her Christian witness of service to neighbor. The recipient will be announced and recognized at our congregational meeting on January 30. Nomination forms are available in the Riverview Room. Please return by January 16.

Rev. Vicky Stifter, Pastor
Katie Cook, Youth Program Coordinator
Diana Beterbide, Organist/Pianist
Sandy Spellecy & Ann Becker, Diaconate Team
Bonnie New & Charisa Callison, Readers
Tom Hackett, Audio/Visual & Sound System
Elaine Johnson & Jackie Wade, Hospitality



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.*

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*

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*

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 church office 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
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