

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ**

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "The Gift of Love" *arr. Carter*

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song "Rain Down" #444

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading "You Too Can Awaken Like That" *Chelan Harkin*

Choral Anthem "African Psalm" *Liebergen*

Reading "Small Kindnesses" *Danusha Laméris*

A Time of Offering & Announcements

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

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 Luke 16:19-31

Sermon "Blinders"

Silent Reflection

Song of Response "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #480

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 "Christ, You Call Us All to Service" #571

*Benediction

*Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

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 after the service.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children at Riverside. Those age 5+ are invited to join James Holloway & Karen Jones for Sunday School after the Children's Time. Nursery care for birth-age to 4 is not available due to illness of our nursery care provider, Kristen Daly.

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

- **Today in the Riverview Room.** All are welcome to join us for coffee & connection.
- **Fall Fundraising Event "There's No Place Like Home"**, 4:30–8 PM. We are sold out!
- **Bible study at Down Manor.** Tuesday 10:30-11:30 AM. No experience necessary.
- **Contemplative Prayer Group** Wednesday 4 – 5 PM in the Ruth Wells Room. Please contact Beth Hartwell if interested at bethhart@gorge.net.
- **Choir practice with Diana** Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Blessing of the creatures**, including Loki the Owl from the Rowena Wildlife Clinic, next Sunday, October 2. Bring your winged, finned or four-legged friends to worship. Pockets of Plenty to benefit the clinic.
- **Riverside's All Church Retreat** at Camp Adams. November 4 – 6.
- **Thanksgiving Community Meal.** November 24th. Riverside will serve a Thanksgiving meal for our community members in need. If interested in volunteering or have resources to share, please contact Kathryn at office@riversideucc.com or call 541.386-1412.

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Karen Jones & James Holloway | Youth Program Volunteers
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ | Chancel Choir Director
Dawn Rankin, Flute
Sandy Spellecy & Alison Betzing | Diaconate Team
Carolyn Welty-Fick | Reader
Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual & Sound System
Karen Roof & Susan Bell | 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, 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@healthyconnectionshr.com*

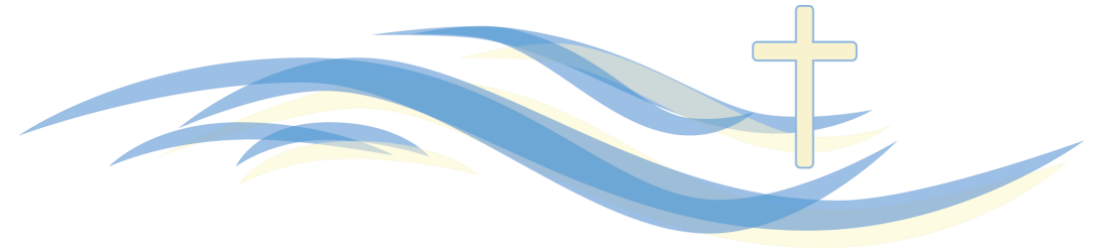
Our "Cheers" team offers care, comfort and meals to those with health, aging issues, new parenthood or other transitions. *Contact Pastor Vicky if you have a need: 541.386.1412 / pastor@riverssideucc.com*

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 office@riversideucc.com or call 541.386.1412 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
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