

**for those able, please stand*



Lighting of Candles & Prayer

Prelude “On Wings of Song” *Mendelssohn*

Words of Welcome & Call to Worship

Come! And trust that which brought us here.

Come! Riding in on the grace of the wind

Come! Floating in on the river that feeds our souls.

Come! Walking the path that unfolds in front of us.

Come! Let us be in this moment, this place;

welcoming the love of living.

*Opening Song “Change my heart O God” #373

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts “Sanctuary” #482 (2x)

Reading “Jesus’ dirty fingernails, most of
the rest of Mark 7” *Maren Tirabassi*

Special Music “The Swan” *C. Saint-Saens*

Reading “Law and Love” *John van de Laar*

A Time of Offering & Announcements

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.***

Scripture context

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 20-23

Sermon “Tradition!”

Song of Response

“As we Gather at Your Table” #695

Prayer of Acknowledgement

***There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not
what we do but what we fail to do. For those times
when we have not spoken up; for those times when
we have not acted; for those times when we have
not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name
what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to
do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when
that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray
in the name of our brother Jesus. Amen.***

Celebration of Holy Communion

*This is Christ’s table, and all are welcome. Please
come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.
If you would like to remain seated, raise your hand and we will
gladly come to you.*

A Time of Prayer

God in your love . . .

. . . Hear the prayers of our hearts.

*The Prayer of Jesus - *Author unknown*

**Enlighten my mind with truth,
Enflame my heart with love,
Inspire my will with courage,
Enrich my life with service,
Pardon where I fall short,
Sanctify what I am,
Order what I shall be,
For thine shall be the glory,
Forever and ever,
Amen.**

*Closing Song

“Now Let us from this Table Rise” #715

*Benediction

Postlude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Pachelbel

Rev. Patricia Mitchell | Guest Preacher
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ - Dawn Rankin | Flute
Betty Shalhope, Gail Lyon, Elaine Johnson & Pam Riedl | Diaconate Team
Andrea Kaplowe | Reader
Dawn & Matt Rankin and Yvonne Arbogast | Hospitality
Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual 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.

. . . an “*Open and Affirming*” congregation—affirming the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons (LGBTQ+) in the church's life and ministry.

. . . an “*Immigrant Welcoming*” congregation—called by our faith to stand together with our undocumented and documented immigrant siblings 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 Jeannie Chance at (541) 806-6648 or stjchance@gmail.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@riversideucc.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.*

Keep up on what's happening! Sign up for our weekly online newsletter, The Current, by contacting editor Kathy Watson, kathy@hungerchronicles.com. Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

On the Web: Riverside's web site, www.riversideucc.com, includes: a calendar of all events, the most recent Current newsletters, a way to give electronically, and everything about the life of our congregation.

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 the United Church of Christ visit <http://www.ucc.org>

For more information about Riverside

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GUESTS 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.

CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE We joyfully welcome children of all ages at Riverside. Those 5+ are invited to join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time. Those birth-age 4 are invited to the nursery, located in the Fireside Room from 10:15 am – 12 noon.

THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE:

Today. All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee and conversation.

Tuesday. Bible Study at Down Manor 10:30-11:30 AM.

Wednesday. Meditation at 3:30 in the Ruth Wells Room. RCC Chancel Choir rehearsal begins 7-8:30 PM.

Friday. Community Action for a Cease Fire in Gaza. 2nd & State Street. 5-5:30 PM.

Sunday. Pastor Vicky preaching. The Riverside Chancel Choir returns. Council meets in the Ruth Wells Room.

FALL OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Sept. 3rd, office hours will be 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

CIRCLES OF SOLACE Fall five-week series begins Wed, Sept 18 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Cost is \$65. Scholarship available. Register before Sept. 13 by contacting office@riversideucc.com.

ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER! “*All You Need is Love*” Sat., Oct. 19 4 – 8 PM. Indian cuisine by RCC Kitchen Team. Music by Tim Mayer, silent, live and dessert auction. Special activities for children. If interested in volunteering or have an auction item to share, please contact office@riversideucc.com. Individual tickets \$60 each OR \$450 for a table for 8 at www.riversideucc.com or by calling the church office 541.386.1412.



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