

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Introit “Holy Spirit Come to Us” *Taize*
***Holy Spirit come to us.
Kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit come to us
Holy Spirit come to us***

Words of Welcome

This is the Day that our God Has Made . . .
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship ***Alleluia*** *Pedro Casaldaliga*

*Opening Song “Here I Am Lord” #559

*Sharing God’s Peace *Rosemary Crow*
***Weave. Weave, Weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave. Weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love***

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Summons” *Aurora Levins Morales*

Special Music

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*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 Mark 8:27-38

Sermon “Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Show Me Your Ways”
Russell Forager
***Show me your ways that I may walk with you
Show me your ways I put my hope in you.
The cry of my heart is to love you more,
to live with the touch of your hand,
stronger each day. Show me your ways.***

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 “The Summons” #350

*Benediction

*Congregational Response “Go Now in Peace”
***Go now in Peace. Go now in Peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.***

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Preacher
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Kristen Warnock | Vocals & Guitar
Elaine Johnson & Betty Shalhope | Diaconate Team
Patricia Mitchell | Reader
Susan Bell & Kathryn Murray | Hospitality
Michele Beaman | Audio-Visual System

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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 or give it to Pastor Vicky after the service.

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 AT RIVERSIDE:

Today. All are welcome after worship in the Riverview Room for coffee and conversation. Music & Arts Board meets in the back of the Sanctuary.

Wednesday.

- Bible Study & Reflection at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM
- Meditation in the Ruth Wells Room - 3:30 PM
- OWL - Riverview & Fireside Rooms - 6:45-8:30 PM

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

Saturday. Burial for John Wright at Great River Natural Burial, 2 PM.

IT’S A POTLUCK!! Sunday, Sept 22. Join RCC friends after worship in the Riverview Room as we welcome in the fall season. Please bring a dish to share.



RIVERSIDE’S ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER!

“All You Need is Love” Sat., Oct. 19 4 – 8 PM. Dinner & Raffle tickets now on sale: Table of 8 \$450 or \$60 for an individual. Silent, Live & Dessert auctions. Special outing for children. Contact office@riversideucc.com if you would like to reserve a table or donate an auction item.

SAVE THE DATES! Our all-church retreat at Camp Adams will take place November 1-3. A beloved time of rest, connection and laughter for those of all ages. Registration & details in October.



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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@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.

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 contact the church office at 541-386-1412 OR office@riversideucc.com or visit www.riversideucc.com

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