

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

*\*for those able, please stand*



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Hallelujah” *Cohen*

Words of Welcome

This is the Day that our God Has Made . . .

***Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!***

\*Opening Song “I Will Call Upon the Lord” #653

\*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “The Drum Major Instinct”

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King*

Choral Anthem “Let Us Pray for Peace”

*Keesecker & Kraft*

Reading “Where the Sidewalk Ends”

*Shel Silverstein*

Blessed to be a Blessing

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

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

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

*Today’s Pockets of Plenty offering will support Riverside’s recycling efforts in collaboration with the Gorge Sustainability Project.*

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 9:30-37

Sermon “Who’s the Greatest?”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “Here Are Our Hearts”

*Susan Drake & Julie Jennings*

***Here are our hearts. Here are our hands. Here are our lives. Use them as You can. Show us those who hurt. Show us those in need. Show us how to serve. Teach us how to see.***

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Go with Us, Lord”

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Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director  
Sandy Spellecy, Steve & Jeannie Chance & Betty Shalhope | Diaconate Team  
Steve Chance & Bonnie New | Readers  
Alison Betzing | Hospitality  
Kathryn Murray | Audio-Visual System

## Welcome to Riverside Community Church

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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 a “Welcome Home” Potluck.

### **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
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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

**Friday – Sunday.** The UCC Central Pacific Conference Annual Gathering takes place in Pendleton. Pastor Vicky, Kathryn Murray, Keith & Karen Harding will represent Riverside.

### **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](mailto:office@riversideucc.com) if you would like to reserve a table or donate an auction item.

**INQUIRER’S GATHERING. OCT 26** Are you new to Riverside? Eager to connect with others and learn more about this community of faith? If so, you’re invited to participate in a gathering with Pastor Vicky and Moderator Doug Roof on October 26 from 9:30-noon.

To RSVP or learn more: [pastor@riversideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riversideucc.com)

**SAVE THE DATES:** Nov. 1-3 Riverside’s Intergenerational Retreat at Camp Adams. Registration and more information coming soon!



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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](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 Jeannie Chance at (541) 806-6648 or [stjechance@gmail.com](mailto:stjechance@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](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 [office@riversideucc.com](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@hungerchronicles.com) Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

On the Web: Riverside’s web site, [www.riversideucc.com](http://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](mailto:office@riversideucc.com) or visit [www.riversideucc.com](http://www.riversideucc.com)

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*“The Vulnerable Child” Marita Fontana*

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