

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

**for those able, please stand*



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in it!

*Call to Worship

To everything turn, turn, turn

There is a season turn, turn, turn

And a time to every purpose under Heaven

*Opening Song “He Came Down” #402

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading

“All Religions, All This Singing, One Song”

Rumi

Special Music

“Weave”

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

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

John 3:16-21 John 14:1-6 Luke 2:7-14

Sermon

“Many Paths, One God”

Silent Reflection

Song of Response “This Is My Song”

See insert

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 “Lead Us From Death to Life”

See insert

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Rev. Mary Sue Evers | Guest Preacher – Kathy Watson | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator | Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider

Kristen Warnock | Guitar and Vocals

Elaine Johnson, Betty Shalhope & Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate Team

Sandy Spellecy & Stu Watson | Readers

Michele Beaman & Deanne McLaughlin | Hospitality

Michele Beaman | 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 today’s Worship Leader, Kathy Watson, 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.

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. 2nd & State Street. 5-5:30 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY. We will hold our annual celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. You’re invited to bring a beloved four legged, finned, or feathered friend to worship for a time of blessing. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to invite two legged friends!

RIVERSIDE’S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! *“All You Need is Love”* Sat., Oct. 19 4 – 8 PM. Dinner & Raffle tickets now on sale. Contact office@riversideucc.com if you would like to reserve a table.

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

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.

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.

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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"Mountain Paths on the Way to Belukha" Elena Stetsenko*

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

**Mt. Belukha rises 14,783 feet along the border of Russia & Kazakhstan*