



**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Little Tocata” *Curtis*

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song “As We Gather” #646

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading “One Day”
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Choral Anthem “O Bless the Lord” *Martin*



Reading “Mom Knows Best”
Steve Garnass Holmes

A Time of Offering & Announcements
Today's Pockets of Plenty offering will support fire relief efforts in California.

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

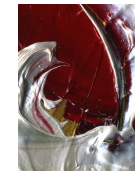
Children's Time

***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 2:1-11

Sermon “Water Into Wine”

Song of Response *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
From J. Philip Newell's “Celtic Mass for Peace”

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be ours, our longings in heart and action. May there be food for the human family today, for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Song
“Sent Forth By God's Blessing” #712

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Go With Us Lord”

Pastor Vicky Stiffer | Minister
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ – Riverside Chancel Choir
Eileen Utroske, Elaine Johnson, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Diaconate
Abi Lytle & Carolyn Welty-Fick | Readers
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System
Janet & Leonard Wood | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church



United Church of Christ

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 Steve Chance 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 for coffee & conversation in the Riverview Room. Plastic recycling.

Tomorrow. MLK Event – see below.

Wednesday. Bible Study at Down Manor 1:30-2:30 PM
Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Thursday. Cheers Care team meets at 10:30 AM.

Friday. Community Action for peace in Gaza 4:30 – 5:00 PM.
2nd & State Streets.

COMMUNITY MLK CELEBRATION! All are welcome for a celebration of the life & on-going legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Join us for “*Grounding & Preparing: A Workshop for Justice Seekers*” at 3:00 PM in the Riverview Room; Community Gospel Choir rehearsal at 3:15 (no experience req’d); service of word & music at 5:00 PM; Jambalaya dinner at 6:30 PM. No cost. Donations welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING. JAN. 26TH All are invited to participate as we make important decisions for the year ahead including: leadership, budget, and By-laws. Light meal and childcare provided. Donations to help cover food costs are most welcome.

CIRCLES of SOLACE Are you carrying sadness in your heart—for personal losses or those of the world? If so, you’re warmly invited to participate in this 3-week series. Feb 5, 12 & 19 5:30-7:00 PM. Space is limited. Scholarships available. Please register by January 31st at: office@riversideucc.com

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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 sibling’s 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@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.*

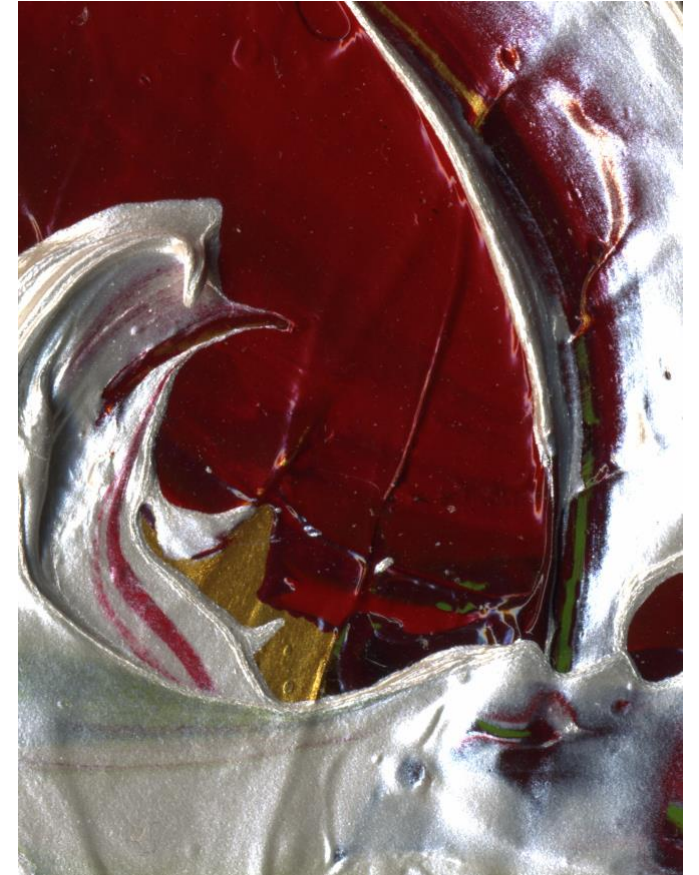
Keep up on what’s happening! Sign up for our weekly online newsletter, The Current, by contacting editor Kathy Watson, kathy@hungerchronicles.com Or visit our Facebook page: Riverside Community Church, UCC

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>

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“Water Into Wine” Jan Richardson

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Sunday, January 19, 2025