



**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Let your Light So Shine” *Birchwood*

Words of Welcome

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

*Opening Song “I Will Sing of the Mercies”
#646

*Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading “All Will Come Again” *Rilke*

Choral Anthem “Winter” *text: Louisa May Alcott;*
music: Stephen DeCesare

Reading “This Time” *Levins-Morales*

A Time of Offering & Announcements

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 Luke 4:14-21

Sermon “Good News”

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

***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
“Christ, You Call Us All to Service” *#571*

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Go with Us Lord”

Pastor Vicky Stifter | Minister
Christy King | Youth Program Volunteer
Diana Beterbide | Piano & Organ – Riverside Chancel Choir
Bob Dorband, Christy King & Betty Shalhope | Diaconate
John Boonstra & LaJuan Jecker | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Ann Becker, Barb Dworschak, Elaine Johnson & Stephan Michaels | 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 Christy King 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 lunch and the Annual Meeting in the Riverview Room. Childcare available.

Wednesday. Bible Study at Down Manor 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Meditative Prayer - 3:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Friday. Community Action for peace in Gaza 4:30 – 5:00 PM.

2nd & State Streets.

Saturday. Mens Group meets 9:00 am in the Riverview Room.

Next Sunday. Rev. Mary Sue Evers preaching. Music by Kristen Warnock & friends.

PASTOR VICKY AWAY Jan 31 – Feb 3. For assistance or pastoral care, please contact Kathryn in the Riverside office at 541.386.1412

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 upcoming 3-week series. Feb 5, 12 & 19 5:30-7:00 PM. Space is limited. Scholarships available. Please register by Friday the 31st at: office@riversideucc.com

RCC SEEKS SOUND & AV GROUPIE We’ve a vital “behind the scenes” opportunity to support the ministry and mission of RCC. Come hang with Riverside’s AV team of “roadies” to help run sound & livestream. Training provided. (You can even wear tie-dye and hang out in back!). Please contact Kathryn office@riversideucc.com.

SAVE THE DATE- SATURDAY, FEB. 22. Benefit concert for Palestine at 7 pm with singer/song writer David Rovics. \$15 suggested donation. See www.riversideucc.com for more information.

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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@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>

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