

*\*for those able, please stand*

## **Lighting of Candles**

## **Centering Silence & Prayer**

### **Words of Welcome**

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

### **Palm Procession**

*“Hosanna”*

### **\*Call to Worship**

*Blessed Be the One Who Comes  
in the Name of Love!*

*Blessing of Palms, Jan Richardson (adapted)*

### **\*Opening Song**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #267*

### **\*Sharing God’s Peace**

## **Preparing our Hearts**

### **Reading**

*“A Sonnet for Palm Sunday”*

*Malcolm Guite*

## **Choral Anthem**

*“Hosanna, Hosanna!” Martin & Williams*

## **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 stand,  
strengthened by God’s own hand,  
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.*

## **Bible Bits & Scripture**

Luke 19:28-40

## **Sermon**

*“Decision Sunday”*

## **Silent Reflection**

### **Song of Response** <sup>2x</sup>

*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

## **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**

“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty!”

*#268 (verses 1,3, & 5)*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”



Reverend Vicky Stifter | Pastor  
Katie Cook | Youth Program Director | Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider  
Diana Beterbide | Pianist & Organist & Riverside Chancel Choir  
Dawn Rankin | Flute – John Bengstrom | Drum – Abi & Ollie Lytle | Percussion  
Alison Betzing, Sandy Spellecy, Donna McCoy & Elaine Johnson | Diaconate  
Anna Diem LaJuan Jecker | Readers  
Kim Vogel | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Marbe Cook & The Diem Family | 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 Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children’s Time. Those birth to age 4 are invited to the nursery, located downstairs from 10:15 – 12 noon.

**THIS WEEK at RIVERSIDE**  
**TODAY**

All are welcome after worship for coffee & connection in the Riverview Room. Council meets in Ruth Wells. SNL @ RCC tickets for sale!

**MONDAY**

Justice & Witness Board meets 5:00 PM at the home of Brooke Anderson

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**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study at Down Manor 2:00 PM  
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM  
Chancel Choir & Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 PM

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**FRIDAY**

Community Action for peace with justice for those in Palestine & Israel. 4:00 – 5:00 PM at 2nd & State streets.

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**CIRCLES OF SOLACE | 4 WEEK SPRING SERIES**

Tuesdays May 7 thru 27 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
\$40 / space is limited. Please contact office@riversideucc.com to register.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE @ RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 - 8 PM**

Tickets available now and until April 27th – buy yours today!  
Happy Half-Hour, Dessert Auction Variety Show, Dinner & Merriment for ALL ages.

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**WHO WE ARE**

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community following the ways of Jesus-loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing God’s extravagant welcome.

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING**

We fully embrace LGBTQ+ individuals in all aspects of church life and ministry.

**IMMIGRANT WELCOMING**

We stand in solidarity with our immigrant siblings, documented and undocumented.

**CARING FOR CREATION**

We divest from fossil fuels, invest in renewable energy, and strive to reduce our environmental impact.

The UCC is a denomination committed to justice since the abolitionist movement of the 1800s. Learn more: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

**MINISTRIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Youth Ministry - Sunday School, teen groups, and Our Whole Lives (OWL), a comprehensive human sexuality program. Contact: Katie Cook 541-980-0505 or [katie@riversideucc.com](mailto:katie@riversideucc.com)

**JUSTICE & WITNESS**

Engaging in advocacy & service  
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 [stjechance@gmail.com](mailto:stjechance@gmail.com)

**“CHEERS” CARE TEAM**

Providing meals and support during times of transition, connection and health challenges  
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 [pastor@riversideucc.com](mailto:pastor@riversideucc.com)

**CONNECT & GROW**

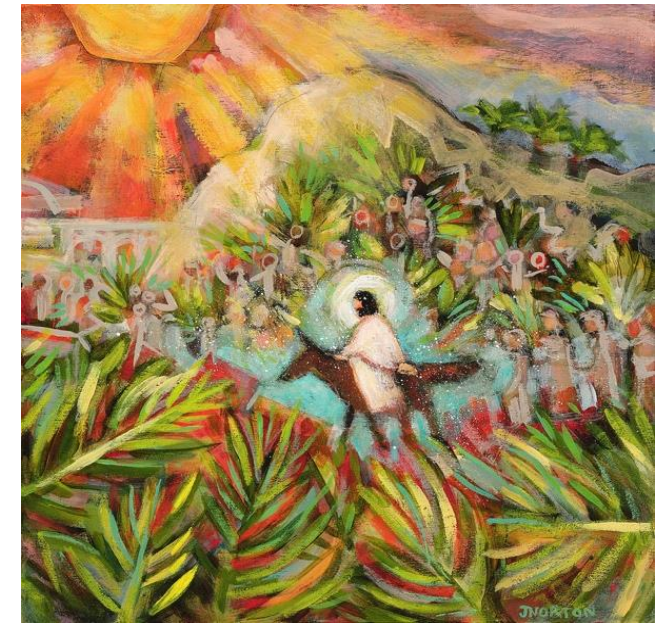
Men's Discussion Group  
Monthly Book Group  
Adult Education Classes  
Tuesday Bible Study & Reflection

**STAY CONNECTED**

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*

**A TIME OF STILLNESS**

*During this holy season in Lent, you are invited to dwell in the peace and stillness of the sanctuary prior to the start of the worship service. If you would like to engage in conversation, you are welcome to use the Riverview Room.*



*“Palm Sunday” Jen Norton*

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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**Palm Sunday**  
*Sunday, April 13, 2025*