

**for those able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Introduction

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

*Opening Song

“Sing a New Song” #10

*Sharing God’s Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Mother’s Day Proclamation”
Julia Ward Howe

Choral Anthem

23rd Psalm *McFerrin*

Reading

“If Mothers Ruled the World” *Chelan Harkin*



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

Exodus 1: 8-21

Sermon

“Divine Disobedience”

Song of Response 2x

“Alleluia”

Litany of Holy Women & Time of Prayer

God in your grace... *Hear Our Prayers*

*The Prayer of Jesus

The New Zealand Prayer Book

*Eternal Spirit, Earthmaker, Pain bearer, Life giver,
Source of all that shall be. Father and Mother of us
all. Loving God, in whom is heaven;
May the hallowing of your name echo
through the Universe! May the way of your justice be
followed by the peoples of the world!
May your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and may it come on earth.
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen.*

*Closing Song #22

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“Ubi Caritas”

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly, Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Riverside Chancel Choir
Elaine Johnson, Bill Light, Sharon Scott, Sandy Spellecy | Diaconate
Gail Lyon, Bonnie New & Betty Shalhope | Readers
Kathryn Murray | Audio Visual & Sound System
Donna McCoy, Betsy Brown | Hospitality

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence.

Guests ~ 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.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE
TODAY

Ages 5+ - Join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time. Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care available in the Fireside Room from 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM. All are invited for coffee and connection in the Riverview Room after worship.

TUESDAY

Circles of Solace 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Monthly Meal, St. Mark's Episcopal 5 PM (see below)

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Meditative Prayer 3:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

“Dessert & Discussion” (see below)

FRIDAY

Justice seekers of all ages are invited to join an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. 5:00 – 5:30 PM at 2nd and State streets in Hood River.

MONTHLY MEAL: “FEEDING OUR BODIES, MINDS& SPIRITS”

Dinner provided as we join with our siblings in faith from area churches for connection & reflection. 5-7 p.m.
St. Mark's Episcopal Church 400 11th St. Hood River

ADULT ED & SPIRITUAL NURTURE “DESSERT & DISCUSSION”

Spiritual and biblical topics with videos by Bill Moyer.
Hosted by Karen Roof: 3675 Arrowhead Ave. Hood River
May 15th at 7 PM. RSVP KarenRoof17@gmail.com

“TAI CHI EASY” Sunday mornings in May at 9:30 am in the Ruth Wells Room. This practice of gentle movement is highly adaptable for all bodies. No experience or special clothing needed.

**Welcome to Riverside Community Church
United Church of Christ**

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

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

JUSTICE & WITNESS

Engaging in advocacy & service
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 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

CONNECT & GROW

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

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
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“Morning Song” Tamara Adams

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025