Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome

Centering Silence

Prelude
"Let's Do The Work"
Kevin Carter

Opening Words

Please stand as you are able.
Opening Song

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name,
Alleluia! (repeat)
Praise God's holy name, Alleluia! (repeat 4x)

Sharing Christ's Peace
Please be seated

Reading
"Eagle Poem"
Joy Harjo
Poet laureate in 2019 and member of the Mvskoke/Creek Nation.

Special Music
"Lay My Troubles Down"
Aaron Taylor

A Time of Offering & Announcements
God is good***....all the time...***
And all the time***...God is good!***

Please stand as you are able

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

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.
Preparing Our Hearts

Scripture
Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Matthew 15: 21-28
(First Nations Version)

Sermon
"Can Jesus Learn? Can We?"

Please stand as you are able
Song of Response
"A Place at the Table"
#617 vs 1-3
Vs. 4 For gay and for straight,
a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,
(Refrain)
Please be seated

Time of Prayer
God in your grace... ***Hear Our Prayers***

The Prayer of Jesus
(ecumenical version alt)
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Please stand as you are able
Closing Song
"Rain Down"
#444

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Minister
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daley | Nursery
Tim Mayer, Lydia Warren & Riverside Gospel Ensemble
Sharon Scott, Bill Light, Ann Becker | Greeters
La Juan Jecker | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Marbe Cook & Beth Hartwell | Hospitality
Molly Fauth | Financial Secretary

If you are a newcomer to Riverside ~ WELCOME!
We invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Beth after worship.

This Week at Riverside:

Today

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

Pumpkin carving | Riverview Room | 12:00 PM -2:00 PM

Monday

Riverside at FISH food bank

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Wednesday

Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 PM. All are welcome.
Riverside at FISH food bank

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Friday

Riverside at FISH food bank
Community Action for Peace in Gaza | 2nd & State
5:00–5:30 PM
Riverside's Annual Retreat begins at Camp Magruder

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NEXT SUNDAY

Riverside's Annual Retreat at Camp Magruder. Directions & Information available in the Riverview Room.
NO SERVICE at Riverside.

TRUNK OR TREAT Oct 28-29

Supporting children of Native American families. Costumes, Food & Fun! Contact Beth Hartwell hrbethhart@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

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 Kathryn: office@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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