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- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Interested in baptism or membership
- ☐ Member

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to Serve

#### Volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Be a part of a team that will adopt a family from World Relief.
- ☐ Help deliver “We Care” gift bags to senior members. on June 8th..

#### Outreach opportunities:

- ☐ **Donate used grocery bags for use at Meal Site.**
- ☐ **Donate household items to Operation Safety Net (pots, pans, dishes,towels, blankets, small appliances, small furniture that one person can carry, etc.)**
- ☐ Donate non-perishable food items, water and hygiene items to the Little Free Pantry.

#### Worship volunteers:

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.
- ☐ **Counters** - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the history of exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

#### Announcements for May 25, 2025

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom**

**Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor**

**Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am in Youth room upstairs**

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study meets every Monday in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting can also be joined by phone simply by dialing 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

**UM Student Sunday** United Methodist Student Day is Today. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. Look for a Special Sunday offering envelope in this bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**World Relief Good Neighbor Team Meeting** Our Good Neighbor Team meeting with World Relief was postponed until this Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. All those interested in forming a Good Neighbor Team are encouraged to attend this meeting. This is a great opportunity for those outside the church to get involved as well so, be sure to invite your friends, co-workers and family members.

**We Care Gift Bags** Sunday, June 8 will be the day our “We Care” gift bags for our senior shut-in members will be ready for delivery. If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by June 1 and designate that it’s for the “We Care” gift bags. Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message at the church office: 309-788-9384.

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May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 100

Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with celebration!

Come before him with shouts of joy!

Know that the LORD is God—

he made us; we belong to him.

We are his people,  
the sheep of his own pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks;

enter his courtyards with praise!

Thank him! Bless his name!

Because the LORD is good,

his loyal love lasts forever;

his faithfulness lasts generation after  
generation.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “O Jerusalem” - Janet Vogt

GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kala Lee

One: How can we name a love so great as the love of God?.

All: We will shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the Earth! All creation sings with joy, celebrating the goodness and steadfast love of God.

One: How can we name a love so great as the love of God?.

All: God made us, and we belong to God. God’s love awakens our hearts and minds and reveals to us the wonder of being created in the image of God.

One: How can we name a love so great as the love of God?

All: In awe and wonder. With thanksgiving, and full of joy, we celebrate God’s faithfulness that lasts forever and ever. Amen.

\*HYMN #111 UMH “How Can We Name a Love”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from a quote by Walter Brueggemann on Psalm 100)

All: God of all Creation, our world is at the edge of insanity and we with it. We have created a society where inhumaneness is developed as a scientific enterprise. Greed is celebrated as economic advance. Power runs unbridled to destructiveness. In a world such as this, we must be reminded of our proper place in your creation. We are created in your image. Forgive us when we forget that we are not creators. Forgive us for when we ignore the image of God in others. Forgive us for not claiming our proper place in the world. Restore in us our ability to give thanks. Restore us for joy. Restore us for grace.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: Know that the LORD is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

All: We are forgiven and restored because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation. Amen

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Prayer Song #420 “Breathe On Me Breath of God” vs. 1

PASTOR PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHORAL ANTHEM “Jazz Cantate” - Beck

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, bless the reading and hearing of this sacred text. Speak through these words and reveal to us the living Word of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 (CEB)

HYMN #432 “Jesu, Jesu” vs. 1

CONVERSATION WITH MARK: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #89 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND UMM SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

\*HYMN #57 UMH “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1-4

(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: One voice, one mouth, one tongue does not feel like enough to praise our risen Lord. My praise alone feels inadequate. I need the help of the Church.

All: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer’s praise!

One: I praise God for the glory of Resurrection. I stand in awe of the victory Christ has won.

All: The glories of my God and King, the triumph of his grace.

One: I wish I could share with all the world the joy I feel today. I need the Holy Spirit to give me the right words to describe the grace of Jesus.

All: My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim

One: May every corner of the world know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

All: To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Air in D Minor” - Henry Purcell

\*=please rise if you are able

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. You can use the red books in front of you.

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

May 25, 2025

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

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Prayers for people I know:

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☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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