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Change Making

This is the work of God’s people, to be changemakers like Jesus. Change begins with compassion, with something that wrenches your heart or a brokenness that you cannot leave unattended. Change happens when faithful people respond.

Our offering is a response. It is a step toward healing the breach AND it is a response to the joy and gifts you have already received.

- What is already here, ready to be nurtured in the church? What is a gift that you receive from the people, staff, and clergy of this church?

- Write a word or phrase that represents something you see in this world that is calling you to compassion. What need in our community or world is speaking to you in this moment?



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 September 14, 2025

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

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor (No Sunday School TODAY)

Discipleship Schedule

Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. 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.

RECEPTION Please join us for cake and refreshments after worship this morning to celebrate the beginning of a wonderful new year of music at Two Rivers.

CONFIRMATION At least five churches, and an estimated 25 youth will come together for three Confirmation events. The first will be at Two Rivers Church from 2:00-5:00 on September 21. At these events we will have time of fellowship, snacks, games, and time to go through “The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way.” This will be a great way to learn about Wesleyan Theology and develop a sense of connection between our congregations. See Pastor Robb for more information on getting involved with the Confirmation class.

Guest Wifi



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14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2025

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE Two Rivers Handbell Choir
Shall We Gather at the River , arr. Michael Helman

GREETING

INSTALLATION OF NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR, JON HANSEN

CALL TO CHANGE MAKING

One: The world is changing. We see it everywhere. We feel it in our bones. It seems to happen so much faster now than it used to.

All: The world is changing.

One: And also, the world needs change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid. There are people on the streets who won’t make it a day longer.

All: The world needs change.

One: It is God’s desire that the world would change and become more holy, more just, and more loving. The Kingdom of God is at hand, but it needs workers.

All: We can be the changemakers.

One: We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit. We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

All: May we be changed by this time of worship.

***HYMN #126 UMH** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: We are called and equipped with everything we need to change the world, but sometimes we cannot get out of our own way. Let us confess our shortcomings to one another that we might be made new in a spirit of grace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, you are the beginning of all things. You are older than time itself, but we are the ones with a problem with change. We like things to stay the way they are

All: Even if they are harmful.

One: Sometimes, we want to go back to “the way things were,”

All: Even though we know that wasn’t working, either.

One: We need to change. We need to change our hearts and minds. We need change in our society and our world. We need change even when it is fearful or uncomfortable.

All: Forgive us for choosing comfort over justice. Forgive us for ignoring those who need change the most. Forgive us when we resist your holy transformation. Open our hearts to all that you would have us change in the world.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>
One: Hear this good news: The Scriptures tell us that change begins with compassion. In the name of the compassionate God, you are forgiven.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, who led with compassion, we are forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #369 UMH “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, by the power of the Spirit, open our ears anew to your Word today. Free us of our cynicism and our certainty so that we may embrace fresh possibilities and grow in faith and courage. May these stories show us the way to become compassion-driven changemakers, like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing , arr. Timothy Shaw

LECTIO DIVINA Mark 6:30-44 (CEB)

SERMON “Change begins with Compassion,” by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jon Hansen & Meghan Cooley accompanied by James Mihevc
“Hymns Medley”

INVITATION TO CHANGE MAKING

*OFFERTORY “Let Us Be Makers” - See Screens
to the tune of #369 “Blessed Assurance”

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you God, for the blessed assurance of your steadfast love. While we are often paralyzed by fear or the overwhelming weight of it all, your love can free us. Thank you for the gifts that we share in this church and for the change you are calling us to make. Help us to articulate a vision for our community and a mission for our congregation. Continue to speak words of compassion, creativity, collaboration, and empowerment so that we, like Jesus, can make change in this world. Amen

DOXOLOGY to the tune of #369, “Blessed Assurance”
Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath
Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
Praise to the Spirit, our strength, and our friend.
Three-in-One present, world without end.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Postlude on “Forest Green” - Lani Smith

*=please rise if you are able
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
September 14, 2025

Your Name_____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

☐ I have permission to publish this prayer.

☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:
