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Change Making

Last week, we reflected on the gifts we already have and the need that is speaking to our heart. This week, we will add something: Who are your collaborators? Who is someone or some organization that you can walk alongside? Who are your potential teammates as we do the work of making change?

- Write One Word or Phrase that describes a resource we have in this Church.
- Write One Word or Phrase that describes a need you see in our community.
- Who is at least one person you might connect with, who you can listen to and walk alongside?



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 21, 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

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.

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.

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15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 21, 2025

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Bound for the Promised Land” - Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

GREETING

CALL TO CHANGE MAKING

One: The world needs to change, and that can make us want to shrink back, because there is so much that needs to be done.

All: There is pain that needs to be acknowledged.

One: So much needs to be repaired. It feels like a lot. And so, we remember that we are not called to be change makers on our own.

All: We are called together.

One: We are called in community, and we are called to walk alongside people of faith and goodwill to heal, repair, and transform the world.

All: We are called together, and with the Holy Spirit, we can do more together. This is the meaning - and the power - of Church.

One: We are called to follow the way of Jesus. We are the change makers, and we are getting ready.

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

***HYMN #732 UMH “Come We That Love the Lord”**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We are called to make change together, but working with other people is hard. We confess the times that we have failed to be in community. We confess the desire to “go it alone.” We confess our need to control the nature of the change we make. Hear us now as we confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, you are also Three in One, a God who is relationship.

All: You call us into relationship. You call us to be change makers together. But all too often, we try to make change on our own. We say it is because the work is too urgent, or too important, but the truth is we can't let go of the control. We don't want to take the time to listen.

One: Collaboration is more difficult, but we fail to see how it is also more effective. We say we don't need others. But the truth is, we're just afraid to be vulnerable.

All: Forgive us for the ways in which we have failed to love others, and in turn, to love you. Forgive us for when we failed to trust. Forgive us for when we failed to risk. Forgive us and change us again. Remake us into the Body of Christ, ready to collaborate for the Kingdom of God. Re-Member us as one community, so that together we can be changemakers again.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear this good news: Jesus said he would be with us always. This is the promise of divine love - we are never alone. The very nature of God is relationship, and we are created in that divine image.

All: We find peace in the forgiveness of the Triune God. We find peace in the promise of divine love. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #369 UMH "Blessed Assurance" vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, Help us to hear the Gospel as if for the first time. Free us of our self-centeredness and help us to see how this Good News is for our wider community and the entire world. May this story show us the way to become a change maker like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:1-11 (CEB)

ANTHEM Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir
Lord, Here Am I - Mark Weston

LECTIO DIVINA Mark 6:30-44 (CEB)

SERMON "Collaboration is the key" by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #2175 FWS "Together We Serve"

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 21, 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:
