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

### New Contact Information

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### Coming Events

**November 2, 5:00 Out at the Movies at MCC**  
A free film-screening of “1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.” This event is sponsored by the Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities

**November 11, 5:30 Examen Book Club**  
This new book club is hosted by Pastor Robb at the Atlas Collective Book Store in Moline. The book is *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor

### Ways to Serve

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.



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 October 26, 2025

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom**  
**Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am** K-5 grade in the Nursery & 6-12 grade in the 3rd Floor Youth Room  
**Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor**

**Discipleship Schedule** NOTE: No Bible Study or Wednesday Prayer Group this week  
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.

**Two Rivers Readers** Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 27 at 10 am in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the book, *Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir* by Ruth Reichl. . All are invited to join the discussion.

**Out at the Movies** On November 2 at 5pm, gather for a showing of the documentary "1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture" (2022). The film examines the process that added the word "homosexual" to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This decision influenced Christian culture and did an innumerable amount of damage to the Kingdom of God. Join the Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities at MCC Church of the Quad Cities (2930 W Locust St Davenport, IA). Bring snacks to share. After the screening, there will be panel discussion and a chance to ask questions of the participants.

Guest Wifi



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20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 26, 2025

### Psalm 1

#### Sung refrain

**One:** The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

**All:** **Instead of doing those things, they love the LORD's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night!**

#### Refrain

**One:** They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

**All:** **That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away**

#### Refrain

**One:** And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice - neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**All:** **The LORD is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.**

#### Refrain

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

Two Rivers Handbell Choir  
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” -W.H. Monk/arr. Michael Keller

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We need something, O God, that will set us free.  
All: Lord, I wait for thee  
One: Lord, we are bound by sin, darkness, and despair. Only you hold the key,  
All: Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
One: There is truth in your Instruction that lifts the veil.  
All: Open my eyes, illumine me.  
One: There are voices of truth that sing a new song of justice.  
All: Open my ears, illumine me.  
One: Our hearts are lifted up to you. Do not allow us to be blown away by the wind, but plant us by the ever-flowing stream.  
All: Open my heart, illumine me.  
One: We love your Instruction. We will recite it day and night and be empowered by the Spirit of Truth.  
All: Spirit, Divine!

\*HYMN #454 UMH “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 31)  
All: I take refuge in you, LORD. Please never let me be put to shame. Rescue me by your righteousness. Listen close to me. Deliver me quickly. Be a rock that protects me, a strong fortress that saves me. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name. Get me out of this net that has been set for me. Be my protective fortress. My life is consumed with groaning. Strength fails me because of my suffering. Have mercy on me, LORD. I entrust my spirit into your hands.  
  
Pause for silent confession and reflection  
  
One: Hear the good news: God has revealed God’s faithful love to us. The LORD protects those who are faithful. We who wait on the LORD will be delivered.  
All: We are forgiven and strengthened by Jesus Christ, our solid rock and firm foundation. Amen

\*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2164 FWS “Sanctuary”

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

ANTHEM

Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir  
“Lord Jesus, You Know Me” - Kauffmann & Galbraith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
All: Holy Spirit, as we read and sing these words of life, make them be for us a lamp before our feet and a light unto our path. Amen.

SINGING THE PSALM Psalm 1 (CEB) See front of bulletin & screens

SERMON “Torah Psalms: Pursuit of Happiness” – Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #601 UMH “Thy Word is a Lamp”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERTORY #87 UMH “What Gift Can We Bring”  
All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Psalm 1)  
We believe that the Lord’s Instruction is the foundation of a truly happy life. We do not want to stand on the path of sin or take company with those who would scoff at generosity, compassion, and love. Instead, we will delight in the Instruction of God. We will be like trees planted by the water and we will bear good fruit. We will not fade and wither. We will not be scattered like tumbleweed. We will gather with the righteous and those who love justice. We will know the LORD and God will call us by name.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Glory Land” - L. 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  
October 26, 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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